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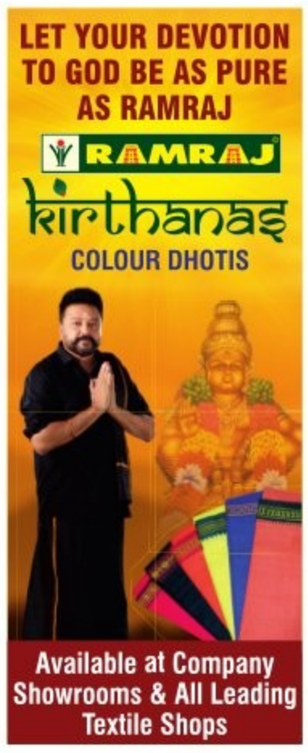
P T Usha to file nomination for IOA president

Legendary athlete P T Usha on Saturday announced that she will contest for the post of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) president when the sports body holds its election on December 10. The deadline to file nomination papers ends on Sunday | P14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Guj BJP to form cell to take on radicalisation

Manifesto promises Uniform Civil Code as well

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA
@ Ahmedabad

USUAL suspects like the Uniform Civil Code were part of the Gujarat poll manifesto the BJP released on Saturday, but the main talking point was the setting up of an anti-radicalisation cell, as the promise was made for the first time.

The party's Sankalp Patra was released by BJP national president J P Nadda, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel and state party president CR Patil in Gandhinagar. "We will create an anti-radicalisation cell to identify and eliminate potential threats, and sleeper cells of the terrorist organisations and anti-India forces," Nadda said.

He also announced that they would introduce the Gujarat Recovery of Damages of Public and Private Properties Act to "recover damages to public and private properties by anti-social elements during riots, violent protests and unrest."

Ahead of the Assembly elections, the Gujarat cabinet on October 29 announced the setting up of a committee to study the modalities of implementing the Uniform Civil Code. "We will ensure complete implementation of the Gujarat Uniform Civil Code Committee's recommendation," Nadda added. All these were part of the party's hard Hindutva agenda.

J P Nadda releasing the BJP manifesto for Gujarat polls on Saturday | PTI

To attract first-time voters and youth, the BJP promised loads of jobs. "We will provide 20 lakh employment opportunities to the youth of Gujarat in the next 5 years." It includes the promise of 1 lakh government jobs to women in five years.

Taking a leaf out of AAP's book, the BJP promised free education to all female students from kindergarten to post-graduation besides free two-wheelers to the meritorious college-going female students. Free bus travel to senior women citizens was part of its basket of promises.

Scrap old vehicles, get rebate on new

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka government is set to come out with a vehicle scrappage policy in the next 15 days. This comes a day after Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari announced that all government vehicles which have completed 15 years should be scrapped.

The state's move will be as per the policy guidelines sent by the Centre to all states. In Karnataka, a proposal is being considered to give rebate to owners on purchase of new vehicle to those who scrap old ones.

As per data released by the Karnataka Transport Department last year, out of 2.8 crore vehicles on road in Karnataka, over 79 lakh vehicles are more than 15 years old. Both Union and state governments are making an effort to scrap vehicles which do not have Fitness Certificates (FCs). Many of such vehicles are still plying on the state's roads posing threat to environment, besides being prone to accidents.

A senior official said there are vehicles falling under various categories like commercial, private and government. Under each category, depending on their age and fitness, the vehicles will be scrapped. "We are thinking of offering incentives to those who surrender their vehicles voluntarily by giving them a certificate through which they can avail subsidy or rebate in the next new vehicle purchase," the official said. P5

SELFIE

4 GIRLS FALL INTO DAM NEAR BELAGAVI, DROWN

A group of five students slipped and fell when they were taking a selfie while standing on the edge of the Kitwad reservoir. One of them was saved by people present at the spot | P5

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Hit by teacher, Class 8 student gets 6 stitches | P5

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Lewy on target

In another drama-filled day in Qatar, Australia and Poland kept their dreams alive but Saudi Arabia had a mild setback.

FIRST WC WIN IN 12 YEARS

Australia edged Tunisia by a solitary goal to keep alive their chances of advancing to the knockout stages. It was their first World Cup in 12 years

LEWY OPENS ACCOUNT

Pole Robert Lewandowski finally opened his World Cup account in a less than comfortable 2-0 win over Saudi Arabia. Both sides can still qualify for the next phase.

TODAY'S MATCHES

Japan vs Costa Rica 3.30 pm
Belgium vs Morocco 6.30 pm
Croatia vs Canada 9.30 pm
Germany vs Spain 12.30 am(Mon)

Football's fiery fandom in Kerala

S NEERAJ KRISHNA @ Kochi

A youth kicking off a football in Thiruvananthapuram | VINCENT PULICKAL

KERALA'S quaint tea shops play host to the most intense football discussions: pre- and post-match analyses, history, anecdotes, geopolitics, debates, even bets ... they are all served fresh with the trademark red-tinged hot cuppa.

The state's passion for the game runs deep. Here, fans are few, most are fanatics. And, this craze has made Kerala a global talking point, with international media and commentators unable to contain their amusement at the Malayali's celebration of the Qatar World Cup. In fact, the buzz started way before the tournament kicked off.

In September, the official FIFA World Cup handle tweeted a documentary named 'Maitanam — The story of football in Kerala', with the succinct caption "Football is love. Football is life. Football is everything in the heart of Kerala."

Keralites proved that right counting down to the greatest sporting event. Giant cut-outs of Messi, Neymar and Ronaldo emerged, one after the other, along the Pullavoor river in Kozhikode district.

Yet again, FIFA tweeted it, and the picture went viral globally. Since then, the cut-out war between fan clubs has been raging across the state. Tensions have flared as the contest for prime spots for cut-outs boiled over multiple times. CONTINUED ON: P14

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• Nakshatra: Purvashada 4.53 pm • Moon in Makara Rashi • Rahukaala: 04:30 pm to 06:00pm
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Sunset 5.50 pm
Moonrise 9.48 am
Moonset 9.24 pm

SIDELIGHTS

The Matapady form of Yakshagana show staged in Udupi
Senior artistes from different Yakshagana troupes come together to make it possible
Show aimed at bringing back finer nuances of the art form

OLD MEMORIES IN ART

A Yakshagana troupe in Matapady village has revived the nuances of the art, winning hearts

PRAKASH SAMAGA @ Udupi

EVEN as Kantara, the super-hit Kannada movie, brought back the magic of the culture of coastal Karnataka on celluloid, the audiences were spellbound by a performance of the pure, original form of Yakshagana at Matapady village of Bramavara taluk in Udupi district on November 12.

The efforts of the Yakshagana troupe that performed at Matapady village in reintroducing finer nuances of the art won many hearts. The unique Yakshagana show, bereft of the urge to be modern, was hosted by the Sri Nandikeshwara Yakshagana Kala Mandali, Matapady, Brahmavara which gave a chance to the audience to savour the art in its original form and glory.

The Kala Mandali was founded by Tonse Kanthappa 57 years ago, and the artistes and people in the troupe have made a sincere effort to preserve the original Yakshagana art.

Decades ago, the Matapady form of the art, which involves dance performances during the show, had gained prominence. Tonse Kanthappa, who had earned the epithet of Yakshagana encyclopaedia, taught the artistes the finer nuances of the art. Kanthappa's son Tonse Jayanth Kumar is the director of the troupe now. Aiming to give the audience a chance to cherish the old style, Yakshagana lovers in Matapady, like Chandrashekar Kalkura and Sarpu Sadananda Patil, along with other like-minded people, decided to organise the show.

The troupe began its show around 8.30 pm, incorporating four different productions, with the last episode concluding at 6.30 am. More than 2,000 people from Sagar, Bhatkal, Thirthahalli, Kumta, Sringeri, Sullia, Puttur, Bengaluru and other places attended the show. Around 45 artistes from Mandarthi, Maranakatte and Amritheshwari Yakshagana troupes were invited to perform mythological episodes like Mayapuri Mahathme, Veeramani Kalaga, Karnarjuna Kalaga and Meenakshi Kalyana.

Jayanth Kumar, who teaches in several organisations, said the art has three forms -- Thenku Thittu, which is performed in places like Kasaragod, Dakshina Kannada and southern parts of Udupi; Badagu Thittu, performed in northern parts of Udupi; and Badaa-Badagu in Uttara Kannada. Matapady Thittu and Harady Thittu are regarded as the other unique forms. However, with time, artistes have overlooked the unique features, and performed without taking care of the nuances, he said.

Patil, who had organised the show, told *The New Sunday Express* that he spent more than a month executing the plan for the show, which began with contacting artistes from various troupes. Explaining the difference in costumes for artistes in Matapady Thittu, Patil said an artiste in this form wears a 'Kattu Meese', which lends a masculine look to the role.

The costumes were traditional, and it was maintained throughout the show from the entry of an artiste, and even during dance and dialogue. The silver colour armlet (bhuja keerthi) was also part of the costume of artistes. Instead of going for the modern crown, they had opted for the traditional 'Kedage Mundasu', a crown made from cloth materials.

Apart from the performances, the mere sight of an artiste in the costume mesmerises the audience, taking their memories back to the old days.

Senior Yakshagana artistes, like Kodi Vishwanatha Ganiga, Ajri Gopala Ganiga, Airody Govindappa, Madhava Nagoor, Kolali Krishna Shetty, Naradi Bhojaraja Shetty, and Uppunda Nagendra Rao, stole the show.

Matapady Chandrashekar Kalkura, a Yakshagana lover who played a major role in organising the show, recalled that the audiences were curious to come to the greenroom and observe how 'Kedage Mundasu' was made. Bhagavathas (interpreters) Kigga Hiriyanna Acharya, Nagesh Kulal, Heranjalu Gopala Ganiga, Hosala Uday Kumar enthralled the audience with their fine and powerful narration. "We wanted to organise this show to tell the new generation how Yakshagana art is unique and has significance of its own," he said.

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> — Matapady Chandrashekar Kalkura

GREEN FINGERS

Fifty-three-old Pompayya Malemath has turned a dry barren land in Vijayanagara district into a lush mini-forest

KIRAN BALANNANAVAR
@ Hosapete

A tree starts with a seed. And so do aspirations. In a short span on the earth, we humans try to create happiness around us. What more than planting a sapling that will live for more than 100 years giving not just us, but our future generations, the precious oxygen. The 53-year-old Pompayya Malemath is doing just that. A wildlife photographer from Kamalapur in Vijayanagar district near the famous ruins of Hampi, Malemath has transformed a barren patch of land into an evergreen mini-forest in less than a decade.

Malemath wears different hats — a wildlife enthusiast, photographer, bird-watcher and snake rescuer. When he dreamt of creating a mini-forest in his dryland, many did not believe that he could achieve what he set out to do. But today, the same people enjoy the scenic change in the landscape, where 800 trees of 60 varieties planted in 2013 stand tall. For Malemath, the journey was not easy. First, he had to prepare the dry land to plant the saplings. He moved large rocks and prepared the soil by adding water and organic manure. Besides enriching his small patch of land with shade-giving trees from the Western Ghats, Malemath also turned a 2.5-acre adjacent government land leased out to him by the Vijayanagar administration into a mini-forest. The green patch now attracts birds in large numbers and one important visitor is the yellow-throated bulbul. Malemath conducts bird-watching sessions, talks on herpetology and eco-tours in the mini-forest where he has set up a base camp for tourists.

Pompayya Malemath teaches schoolchildren about snakes. Below: Takes care of plants in his mini forest In Kamalapur near Hampi

Today, many nature enthusiasts visit Malemath's mini-forest and take his advice on planting the right species on their farms. "I always dreamt of developing a green patch in the dry land here. Finally, I have fulfilled my aim. I take care of the trees like my own children," Malemath says. But the dry, rocky region wasn't suitable to grow large trees. "Hampi and surrounding places have many rocky patches and are not suitable to grow large trees. The annual rainfall is also less. But with dedication and constant care, I was able to grow large trees in this dryland," he explains.

"Today, I welcome schoolchildren to the mini-forest for various activities, including bird-watching and herpetology classes. There have been several instances where snakes suddenly appear during nature programmes and students have a first-hand experience of seeing the reptiles from a close distance. Several rare bird species have been documented here," he adds.

Shivashankar Banagar, a well-known photographer from Hampi, says Malemath is an inspiration for him and many wildlife photographers. "His efforts in creating the mini-forest are known to all. His commitment towards nature conservation is amazing," he adds.

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> — Pompayya Malemath

Maj Unnikrishnan's bust unveiled at alma mater

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ON the anniversary of the 26/11 terror attacks, martyred commando Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan was immortalised by his alma mater — Frank Anthony Public School — in Bengaluru on Saturday.

Major General Ravi Murugan, AVSM, General Officer Commanding, Karnataka and Kerala sub-area, unveiled a bust of the fallen hero at the school on Saturday.

He said the school's initiative in building the bust ensured that Major Unnikrishnan's sacrifice will not be forgotten.

"As far as endings go, this was a glorious ending and, by his actions, Major Unnikrishnan became a national hero and real heroes never die, unless we forget them. This bust enshrines Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan in perpetuity, so we are grateful for that," he said.

"His life epitomises the motto of his school, 'Courage is Destiny'. His passing, while tragic for his family who lost a dear one and mourned by the army, who lost a brother, epitomises every soldier's dream. When we join the defence forces, we are made aware that death is a very real possibility. But every soldier hopes that if he should die, it will be while meeting three requirements: to be in action, to be in service of a cause, and to be in the good of a larger community. Major Unnikrishnan's sacrifice checked all of these boxes and more," he said.

Students pay tributes to the bust of Major Sandeep Unnikrishnan at Frank Anthony Public School in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

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> Major General Ravi Murugan

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Girinath releases Kalachakra Panchang - '23-24, an astrology almanac, in the presence of Dr SK Jain and Veena Jain in Bengaluru on Friday. According to Dr Jain, who wrote the Panchang, Kalachakra details the alignment of planetary positions, information about 12 zodiac signs, full moon and new moon, eclipses, stars and muhurats (auspicious time) for people to choose the date and time for functions like marriages, engagements and housewarming ceremonies as well as remedial measures for negative impacts and incidents that may occur in life | EXPRESS

MUSLIM BODIES DISCUSS ROLE OF MASJIDS

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IN a bid to build a positive image of Muslims and for community development, the Bengaluru Masjid Federation and Karnataka Muslim Council held a meeting on Saturday to discuss the role of masjids in present day context.

The need of the hour is health and education of community, Belgami Mohammed Saad, president, Jamaat E Islami Hind Karnataka, said after the meeting.

"Many youths get into drugs and get entangled in legal issues. Such youth need counselling. These are things that need to be addressed. Masjids can play a major role in this," he said.

He also highlighted other issues like low Muslim voter turnout during elections, names missing from voter list, sale of votes for cash or pilgrimage.

The community leaders were told to identify bright students and push them to opt for higher education and attend competitive examinations, offer scholarships, open libraries and start micro finance.

EXPRESS READ

Files not missing, clarifies BBMP administrator

Bengaluru: Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike administrator Rakesh Singh has issued a clarification that the files related to advertisements that were reported to have gone missing from the CM's office have been received by the Urban Development Department. He further clarified that file is not related to electoral roll or any other issues. **ENS**

Karnataka celebrates Milk Day

Bengaluru: Dr Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, on Saturday virtually laid the foundation stone of the Advanced Training Facility at Central Frozen Semen Production and Training Institute and launched the Karnataka Bovine IVF activities at Central Cattle Breeding Farm in Hesaraghatta. The minister took part in a National Milk Day event to commemorate the 101st birth anniversary of the father of the White Revolution in India Dr Verghese Kurien, in Bengaluru. The prestigious National Gopal Ratna Awards-2022 were also conferred during the event. **ENS**

The Amruthahalli police arrested 12 drug peddlers, including local, interstate and foreign nationals, along with customers. Cases against some of the peddlers were registered by Hyderabad, Maharashtra and other police forces across the country. All the 12 have been booked under the NDPS Act

8 yrs on, couple cleared of killing, chopping driver

This after prosecution failed to prove allegations

PRAVEEN KUMAR @ Bengaluru

THE couple, who chopped the body of a lorry driver in the sensational case in 2014 in the Madiwala police station limits, were acquitted after the prosecution failed to prove the allegations.

Mukthiyar Ahmed, 45, and his wife Reshma, 30, were arrested for allegedly murdering 35-year-old lorry driver Samiulla and butchering his body. The police had recovered the torso and parts of arms of an unidentified man in a plastic bag from the Kalasipalya bus stand on October 3, 2014. Three days later, the police identified the pieces were of Samiulla's body.

"The prosecution has failed to prove what the investigating officer alleged against the couple in the chargesheet. The case of the prosecution is full of doubts. The evidence of prosecution witnesses is not consistent or corroborative. The Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge (CCH-64) who heard the case acquitted the couple on Friday," MR Harish Kumar, defence counsel for the couple told *TNSE*.

Claiming to have solve the murder case, Madiwala police officers arrested the couple from their house at Madeena Nagar in Mangammanapalya. The police claimed that the couple had killed Samiulla in their house, and made Reshma accused number 1 and her husband accused number 2.

"Samiulla was Reshma's relative, and used to visit her house as they were having an illicit relationship. On October 2, 2014, Samiulla had gone to her house when Ahmed saw him, which led to a fight between them. Reshma and Ahmed then strangled Samiulla to death with a wire. To destroy evidence, the couple allegedly took the body to the bathroom, chopped it, and packed the pieces in a plastic bag," the police had stated in their chargesheet.

They threw the torso at the bus stand and then disposed of the head in a dustbin near the Kalasipalya main road. The chopper and axle blade were thrown into a drain on the 9th main road of HSR Layout, the Madiwala police had said.

Ahmed was in judicial custody for the last eight years while Reshma was out on bail.

Encroachment drive: No HC relief for apartment residents

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THE Karnataka High Court declined to quash an FIR registered against the residents of Shilpitha Splendour Annex Apartment in Mahadevapura on charges of preventing officials of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) from clearing encroachment on a rajakaluve and fencing the area recovered from the encroachment.

"Photographs and video clippings reveal that the petitioners tried to prevent BBMP officials. There is prima facie material to show that there is a cognisable offence. Therefore, the petition is devoid of merits and is liable to be dismissed. The police are at liberty to proceed with the investigation and file a chargesheet", said Justice K Natarajan, while dismissing the petition filed by 22 residents of the apartment.

BBMP Executive Engineer Malathi had lodged a complaint with Mahadevapura police against the petitioners for allegedly gathering illegally and preventing them from discharging their duty when she, along with surveyors and police personnel in March 2020 was executing the order of the high court which directed them to survey the encroachment of rajakaluve and remove the same in Mahadevapura.

The petitioners contended that the BBMP officials already removed the encroachment and surveyed the land and there is nothing more to survey. They are the residents of the apartment and therefore, they have not committed any offence, they claimed.

However, the court said that the petitioners, being the owners of the apartment must be in the apartment, but they joined hands to prevent public authority from discharging their duty, which attracts Section 149 of the IPC with the common object and unlawful assembly under Section 143 of IPC for committing an offence on the public servant. There is a clear case of attracting Section 353 of IPC against the petitioners for having obstructed the complainant along with other officers, the court observed.

Cane farmers taken into custody

BENGALURU: More than 50 farmers, including farmer leader Kurubur Shanthkumar, were taken into preventive custody on Saturday when they tried to enter Sheshadri Road in a procession during their ongoing hunger strike at Freedom Park. Farmers under the banner Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha and Karnataka Sugarcane Growers' Association are on a hunger strike at Freedom Park in support of various demands, including fair and remunerative prices for crops. But with the strike entering the fifth day without the government reaching out to them, hundreds of farmers tried to enter Sheshadri Road while waving black flags and shouting slogans against the CM. Following the detaining of the protestors by the Upparpet police, farmers across the state blocked highways demanding their release.

Sugarcane growers being detained during their protest at Freedom Park on Saturday

Elderly man kills alcoholic son with dumbbells, surrenders

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@ Bengaluru

A senior citizen has surrendered before the police after killing his son with iron dumbbells at Devalapur in Hoskote sub-division under Anugondanahalli police station limits on Friday afternoon. The victim Thyagaraj is aged 38 and his father Muniswamy is aged 65. According to the police, Thyagaraj was harassing his parents. both daily wage labourers, for money to consume alcohol.

Unable to bear his torture, they had even moved out of the house and started staying with their daughter. Thyagaraj continued to harass them by visiting his sister's residence. The victim is also alleged to have been beating his elderly parents if they did not give him money. Frustrated over his torture, the Muniswamy killed his son and went to the police with the blood stained dumbbells. He has been arrested and remanded in judicial custody.

"On Friday afternoon when Thyagaraj picked a fight with his father, the latter killed him by smashing his head with the dumbbells. After he surrendered, a team of police went to the spot and shifted the body to a mortuary. After speaking to the other family members, we found out about the harassment by the victim," said the police.

The Anugondanahalli police of the Bengaluru rural police have registered a case of murder under section 302 of the Indian Penal Code.

App-based auto drivers upset with new rates

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A day after the transport department fixed the convenience fee at 5 per cent along with GST that can be charged by aggregator-based autorickshaws, passengers were left in the lurch on Saturday.

At many places, autos refused to ply passengers, saying they are unhappy with the decision. Some also said their unions were not consulted before the government took the decision.

With the new order, autos can charge Rs 33 as minimum fare against the state government's rate of Rs 30.

"After a lot of struggle, I could book an auto through the app. After some time, I got a call from the driver saying he will charge as per the old rate. When I told him about the new order, he said he is yet to get it and he is not happy with it. He told me that if I want the ride, I have to pay the old rate," said Rekha M, a resident of HSR Layout.

Transport department officials said they are getting many complaints. "If aggregators are not happy with the order, they are free to go to court. Either way, the matter is still being heard in the court. The government has also submitted the new order to the court," said a senior official, requesting anonymity.

He said the department took the decision as during earlier meetings, aggregators and auto unions were not convinced with the revised fares.

Transport Commissioner SN Siddaramappa said the order is final and it is being sent to all the RTOs for implementation. It will take some time for people to be aware of the new fare structure. Meetings with the traffic police department and aggregators will be held to make them aware of the order and take their help in implementing it, he added.

Video of govt docs seeking bribe goes viral

DONNA EVA @ Bengaluru

THE health department on Saturday suspended a permanent doctor and dismissed another doctor who was on contract, who were working at the Bidadi primary health centre, after a video of them demanding a bribe to release a new mother went viral.

The doctors at the Bidadi PHC in Ramanagar district were filmed demanding Rs 10,000 from a daily wage labourer to discharge his wife, who gave birth recently. Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said a departmental inquiry has been launched and strict action will be taken against the doctors.

"Such corruption, indiscipline and dereliction of duty will not be tolerated in government hospitals and PHCs. Doctors and staff who do not have the attitude to provide health services to the public will be dismissed without hesitation. A departmental inquiry has been ordered against the accused doctors," he said.

The district Health and Family Welfare Department on Saturday issued the order sending gynaecologist and obstetrician Dr Shashikala, who was a permanent doctor at the PHC, on compulsory leave. The other gynaecologist and obstetrician, Dr Aishwarya, who was a contract worker, has been dismissed from the National Health Mission.

Health Commissioner Dr D Randeep told *TNSE*, "Since we came to know about the issue on a government holiday, both doctors were relieved from their duties. On Monday, Dr Shashikala will be sent on leave, while Dr Aishwarya will be relieved from the NHM. As they mention in the video that they have to distribute the bribe amount among several doctors, an inquiry is underway to understand how many doctors are involved," he said.

He said the department will issue a show-cause notice against the PHC's administrative medical officer asking how he was not aware of bribes being sought at the PHC.

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd,** the **constructive/physical** (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **The Karur Vysya Bank Ltd.,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 30.12.2022** for recovery of **Rs.61,95,668.74** (Rupees Sixty One Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Eight and Paisa Seventy Four Only) due to the **Karur Vysya Bank Ltd,** Secured Creditor from the **Borrower: 1) Late. Syed Mujahid (Borrower)** S/o Syed Yusuf, **Residing At:** No.46, Gidappa Block, 4th Main, 5th Cross, Ganganagar, RT Nagar, Bengaluru-560032, **2) Mr. Mohammed Ali Lalsab Pinjar (Guarantor)** S/o Lalsab **Residing At:** No. 50, 6th Main, 7th Cross, Pillappa Block, Ganganagar, RT Nagar, Bengaluru-560032, **3) Mrs. Umme Kulsum, (Legal Heir of Late. Mr. Syed Mujahid),** W/o Late. Syed Mujahid, **Residing At:** No. 1002, 5th Cross, R.K. Hegde Nagar, Dr. Shivarama Karanth Nagar, Banagalore North, Bangalore-560077, **4) Ms. Minal Soha, (Legal Heir of Late. Mr. Syed Mujahid),** D/o Late. Syed Mujahid, **Residing At:** No. 1002, 5ht Cross, R.K. Hegde Nagar, Dr. Shivarama Karanth Nagar, Banagalore North,Bangalore-560077, and **5) Mrs. Sajeeda Begum, (Legal Heir of Late. Mr. Syed Mujahid),** W/o Mr.Syed Yousuff, **Residing At:** Ward No.29, Agrahara Main Road, Nekkundipete, Chintamani-563125. The reserve price of Schedule-A Property is **Rs.78,00,000/-** (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakhs Only) and the earnest Money deposit will be **Rs.7,80,000/-** (Rupees Seven Lakhs and Eighty Thousand Only) the Reserve price of Schedule-B property is **Rs.78,00,000/-** (Rupees Seventy Eight Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.7,80,000/-** (Rupees Seven Lakhs and Eighty Thousand Only).
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CM Bommai said that the State Government has decided to erect statues of Kittur Rani Chennamma and Sangolli Rayanna on the premises of Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi. Bommai said the foundation stone will be laid during the winter session of the legislature to be held in Belagavi next month

'WE SHOULD MAKE B'LURU SECOND FINANCIAL CAPITAL OF INDIA'

EXPRESS Dialogues

TEAM TNSE

HAVING associated with the GIM-2022 that concluded recently, Federation of Karnataka Chamber of Commerce & Industry (FKCCI) president BV Gopal Reddy, speaking with a team of editors and staff from *The New Sunday Express*, expressed confidence that consistency and fine-tuning of policies by the Karnataka government help the state be a better investment destination. He suggests that Bengaluru be made the second financial capital of India to compete with Mumbai, which is in the top position. Besides, he also speaks about issues related to industries, policy changes in power tariff and uniform tax collection at gram panchayats that have to be addressed. Excerpts.

How do you look at Rs 10 lakh crore worth of investment proposals that the state attracted during GIM?
Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani are proactive. Earlier, it used to be just signing of MoUs, but now about Rs 2.83 lakh crore of investment proposals have already been cleared by the government. Huge investments have come in the renewable energy sector. We at FKCCI are also promoting "Beyond Bengaluru", which is also the government's slogan, to improve tier 2 and 3 cities. The FMCG cluster is coming up in Hubballi-Dharwad. Investments have come into Karnataka because of the climate, hierarchy-less atmosphere and people's attitude. We are helping investors get all NoCs in a time-bound manner. Investors will be happy to get clearances without any hindrance and on a fast-track mode.

How confident are you of realising the remaining investments and what are the challenges before the government?
The power tariff is the main problem as every other day, some change or enhancement happens. Let them (ESCOMs) fix a one-time tariff for one or two years. Policy changes for every three to six months make it difficult for MSMEs. After Covid, all metal prices went up and it was difficult for MSMEs to survive in this situation. Now, everything is settled and consistency in policies too is helping.

What is the scenario post-Covid?
Every industry is picking up and the economy too is upbeat. A lot of investments have come here because Karnataka is proactive. Policies, such as an amendment to 79 A and 79 B (of Karnataka Land Reforms Act) that any industry can purchase land and can start their own business within six months, have helped. There was little labour problem earlier, but migrants are coming back now. We have learnt a lot. Because of the labour shortage, industries went further with mechanisation. Now, instead of 10 labourers, we can work with five.

CM and Industries Minister are proactive. Earlier, it used to be just signing of MoUs, but now ₹2.83 lakh cr of investment proposals have been cleared

The Karnataka government is proposing reservations for Kannadigas. Is it difficult to implement?
Whatever the policy, the skilled labour force should be exempted from this. The industry can't train people from the start till the end. We have already suggested it to the government and hope policy makers will look into it when they pass the Bill in the Assembly.

Telangana and Gujarat too are inviting the industries ...
Each state will concentrate only on some sectors and not all. In Karnataka, everybody is invited with an open mind as the state is friendly for all industries.

Your take on GST?
As a trade and industry body, we have conducted 900-1,000 workshops to promote GST, and created awareness. Now, at least 80 per cent of people know about it.

You are expecting higher investments which means more competition. So, how is the private sector prepared to face it?
There should be competition, only then will quality improve. Around 20 per cent of the land in industrial areas should be reserved for civic amenities, including housing. The government should also assure housing facilities for workers.

What needs to be done to take industries beyond Bengaluru?
We have suggested that our ports should be connected with better roads and infrastructure. All our containers and consignments are now going to Krishnapatnam or Chennai ports. Four-five years ago, we had given a proposal to set up a container depot at Hassan, but nothing materialised. We have to develop our own ports, like Karwar Belekeri and the existing Mangaluru. Connectivity from Hospet to Belekeri via Mangaluru has been promised and we hope it is implemented as the state and the Centre have promised it. In Karnataka, new airports at Vijayapura and Shivamogga are coming up and one has been proposed between Hubballi and Dharwad will benefit North Indians.

Many youngsters are taking to agriculture and agri-based industries. What are the prospects?
There should be a value-add chain, only then the industries can sustain. Take millets for example. While Karnataka is a producer, the grains go to other states for processing. Incentives are required for locals as 2023 is declared as the year of millets.

How do you look at competition with China?
You can't compare India with China. But the world is looking at India, its manpower and investments which it has been attracting hugely. Now they do not trust China because of lack of quality and uncertainty of delivery of goods in a time-bound manner.

Your take on Bengaluru infrastructure not being able to cope with development?
The movement of heavy-duty and passenger vehicles should be curtailed. Fix a time for heavy vehicles to enter Bengaluru. Now, I think our new commissioner has thought of such policies and the government should do something that benefits everyone. They should implement the Peripheral Ring Road project that will reduce 50 per cent of the city's traffic and maintenance of roads here will also be easy.

How can we make the business environment more viable?
There should not be day-to-day intervention. For example, any tax collection or any statutory requirement should all be in the electronic mode. An industry requires 12-13 licences. Compliance is difficult for a small industry with six to seven workers. Now the pollution control board has hiked the fees for NoC. It should be reduced and we have given a representation.

What are the challenges in terms of effluent treatment plants?
Every industrial area should create a separate effluent treatment plant. Bringing Peenya's effluent to Kengeri is not correct. See that treated water is required for our garden maintenance.

There is a proposal to increase the power tariff to pay pensions to Escom employees...
Already we have given our representation and told the government not to burden us.

What is FKCCI's role in increasing self-employment?
We are travelling to every district. Some 10-12 districts have started programmes, while Ballari recently launched a skill development centre for women.

Where do you see Karnataka in the next 5-10 years?
Revenue wise, it will take time to compete with Maharashtra. As of today, we are number two in revenue collection. But in compliance, we are number one. Our revenues are 60 per cent of Maharashtra's. If we have to climb up the ladder, we should make Bengaluru the second financial capital of India after Mumbai.

How is the training part addressed?
We are proposing skill development centres in tier 2 and 3 cities. It is better to have a skill development centre to cater to that particular industrial hub and that meets its requirements. In Industrial Training Institutes (ITI), there should be practicals to match industry requirements.

What are the challenges faced by the automobile sector?
There was a passenger vehicle chip problem before and after Covid. There was no movement of goods and the demand was less for vehicles. Now, it is picking up and that attracts businesses. Passenger vehicles are back in full demand, and people now have to wait for two to three months for the delivery of vehicles. In rural areas now, demand has picked up. There is a big demand for EV vehicles too. But there is a problem with disposal of spent batteries which is hazardous. Until today, there was no policy to dispose of lithium-ion batteries. The chip shortage is easing and a chip park is coming up at Devanahalli.

FKCCI president BV Gopal Reddy chats with Express journalists at the TNIE office in Bengaluru | EXPRESS

BLAST AFTERMATH

Security up in M'luru hospital where Shariq is admitted

DIVYA CUTINHO @ Mangaluru

SECURITY has been tightened around the private hospital in Mangaluru where Mohammed Shariq, 24, the prime suspect in the November 19 bomb blast case, is undergoing treatment.

This comes in the wake of a lesser-known outfit, Islamic Resistance Council, claiming responsibility for the blast that injured Shariq and autorickshaw driver Purushottam Poojary. Shariq is monitored by a team of police and the doctors said he is responding well to the treatment. The police have installed a CCTV camera inside his ward.

Arafath Ali, who is the main handler of Shariq, is also absconding and a lookout notice has been issued against him. There is speculation that Shariq might be facing a threat to his life and that is the reason his security has been enhanced at the hospital, sources said. An inspector, two PSIs and two constables are deployed near his room. A metal detector has also been installed at the entrance.

Hospital sources said that Shariq is still on a ventilator. Mangaluru Police Commissioner N Shashi Kumar visited the hospital and met auto driver Poojary. He said the police have not yet been allowed to meet Shariq as he might catch an infection.

Kadri temple authorities, meanwhile, have written to the police requesting protection following Islamic Resistance Council's threat. Kadri Manjunatha Temple Chief Executive Officer Jayamma has written to Kadri police requesting protection.

BORDER ROW: RTC BUS SERVICES BETWEEN K'TAKA, MAHA HALTED

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Belagavi

AS the border dispute between Karnataka and Maharashtra has escalated over the last few days, bus services between the two neighbouring states were stopped on Saturday after some miscreants threw stones at a KSRTC bus at Miraj in Maharashtra on Friday night.

The buses from both states are plying only till Kagwad, which is on the border, from where passengers are forced to travel by private vehicles.

Narayan Deshmukh of Miraj police station said, "Apart from the incident on Friday night, no other disturbance has been reported. Except state transport corporation buses, private vehicles are plying normally between the two states."

Police Inspector Ravindra Naykodi from the Athani police station said they are on alert to prevent any untoward incident.

KRV workers protest at Belagavi's Rani Chennamma Circle on Saturday

I blame both Congress and BJP. They've done little in matters related to Belagavi and Kannada-speaking villages in Maharashtra. Officials have not removed Marathi name boards at many villages in Belagavi

Vatal Nagaraj, Kannada activist

Maha plea in SC has no legal validity: CM

ENS @ Davanagere

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday said that Maharashtra's petition filed in the Supreme Court in 2004 over the border dispute has no legal validity.

Addressing the media at the helipad here, Bommai said that Karnataka is prepared for an effective legal battle. "According to the State Reorganisation Act-1956 and Article 3 of the Constitution, there is no legal validity in the plea filed by Maharashtra," Bommai added. He said that Karnataka is arguing well with senior advocates Mukul Rohatagi and Uday Holla. "We are going to argue seriously when the issue comes up for hearing. The government has also appointed retired Supreme Court Judge Justice Shivraj Patil as head of State Border, River Formation Commission. We are acting as per the Constitution and the law of land, which is sufficient for our victory," he said. Bommai said he is confident that Karnataka will not lose any village or town or city. On senior politician and NCP supremo Sharad Pawar trying to keep the border issue alive, he said that the former Maharashtra CM has been doing politics over the border row for many years. "His (Pawar) dream will never come true," he said.

Pro-Kannada outfits plan 'Jath Chalo' march

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

PRO-Kannada outfits are planning to launch a protest against the Maharashtra government for its alleged denial of basic amenities to Kannada-speaking people in the border areas, especially in Jath and Akkalkot, which come under Maharashtra. The organisations are planning a 'Jatt Chalo' rally in this connection demanding the merger of the region with Karnataka.

Recently, Maharashtra activists targeted KSRTC buses and wrote 'Jai Maharashtra' in black on the buses to oppose Karnataka's claim of Belagavi. Some stone-pelting incidents were also reported following which bus service from KSRTC through Belagavi route has been suspended. Praveen Shetty, president, Karnataka Rakshana Vedike said, "Every time a legislature session is planned in Suvarna Vidhana Soudha in Belagavi, activists from Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti (MES), Shiv Sena and other outfits create a law and order problem. Last time, the activists targeted Karnataka vehicles and property belonging to Kannadigas. Kannada-speaking people in Jat, Akkalkot and other places are denied basic amenities and are harassed. We want these places to be merged with Karnataka and hence are organising a 'Jath Chalo' march ahead of the assembly session. A memorandum will be submitted to Karantaka government," Shetty added.

KANNADIGAS OF JATH SAY WILL JOIN K'TAKA

Leaders of 42 villages in Maharashtra, where Kannada is the predominant language, met on Friday and threatened to join Karnataka if basic amenities are not provided to them by the Maharashtra government. The leaders, under the umbrella Jat Taluk Sangharsha Samiti, met at Umadi village of Jath taluk in Sangli. The villagers discussed failures of Maharashtra government to provide them the basic facilities. "We have been deprived of basic amenities for the last four decades. The Maharashtra government should reach out to us in the next eight days to address our problems. Otherwise, we will invite the Karnataka CM here and will take a decision to merge with Karnataka," they warned.

PROTECT KANNADIGAS, OUR BUSES: BOMMAI

Speaking in Bengaluru, CM Bommai said that he has instructed Home Minister Araga Jnanendra to talk to the home secretary of Maharashtra to ensure that no one takes law into their hands and disturb the cordial relationship between the two states. "Maharashtra Police must protect the buses of Karnataka, life and property of Kannadigas settled in that state," he said. In Shivamogga, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra has directed the police to keep a strict vigil in the districts bordering Maharashtra to prevent any untoward incident in the wake of miscreants throwing stones at KSRTC buses in that state recently. In a press release issued here on Saturday, Jnanendra said that he held a meeting with senior police officers on the matter.

Voter data theft: 4 ROs arrested for helping NGO get fake IDs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE Halasuru Gate police arrested four Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials, including three revenue officers and one deputy revenue officer, on charges of providing fake ID cards to representatives of the NGO Chilume Trust, which was involved in voter awareness programmes.

The arrested are Shivajinagar Revenue Officer Suhail Ahmed, Mahadevapura Revenue Officer K Chandrasekhar, RR Nagar Revenue Officer Mahesh and Chickpet Deputy Revenue Officer VB Bheemashankar, who were working as voter registrars.

The BBMP suspended them on November 21 anticipating their arrest. Suhail allegedly distributed 14 Booth Level Committee (BLC) identity cards to Chilume representatives in the Shivajinagar constituency. In the Mahadevapura Assembly Constituency Chandrasekhar gave Lokesh, a Chilume representative, the ID card of voter registrar polling station level officer or booth level officer.

Bheemashankar is accused of issuing BLC cards to Chilume representatives in the Chickpet Assembly constituency, while Mahesh too has been accused of the same wrongdoing.

A senior police officer said the investigation team has arrested the officials as distribution of ID cards to private individuals is a violation of the Election Commission rules.

Voter data theft: Chilume operated over phones

Chilume NGO, which is facing charges of tampering with data of voters, reportedly operated over phones. It has come to light that the private NGO, hired by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), deleted over one lakh names from the voters list without visiting any place. It also allegedly deleted many names online. On the other hand, it is being alleged that BBMP officials received lakhs of rupees from Chilume to allow it to carry out the revision of voters list. Chilume reportedly collected complete information of voters within three months by using fake identity cards and impersonating as Booth Level Officers (BLO). The NGO, with assistance from BBMP, had appointed hundreds of field workers for the survey.

At present, a regional officer has been given the responsibility of conducting the probe... the officer reports to the CM. BBMP chief commissioner should be suspended and the electoral list needs to be revised. We will appeal the same to the election commission. Bommai is also Bengaluru district in-charge minister and how can he not know when the voters list is revised? Bommai should resign

Siddaramaiah, Congress leader

We are ready for a fair probe. Many arrests have been made. Officials are also being investigated. If they have committed any mistake, action will be taken. The Election Commission has decided to relook into the names deleted and added in the voters list. We will welcome certain initiatives such as correcting where the names are deleted purposefully at two or three places despite having the voter's identity card

Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister

BJP MP Lahar Singh on Saturday adopted 500 tuberculosis patients in Bengaluru as part of Prime Minister's Nikshay Mitra initiative. He also promised to work towards making Karnataka TB free by 2025. Singh also donated a hi-tech CB-NAAT machine, worth Rs 22 lakh, which will enable tests endorsed by WHO and will be placed in a government hospital

FIVE NEW SATELLITES

Eye in the sky: India to expand NavIC services

SV KRISHNA CHAITANYA
@ Sriharikota

The Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System, with an operational name of NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation), will soon be expanded as ISRO is building five more advanced navigation satellites with a focus on meeting strategic sector needs. Importantly, an indigenously developed rubidium atomic clock will be tested in the new satellites.

ISRO Chairman S Somanath told TNSE: "One out of four atomic clocks onboard the first navigation satellite to be launched next month or by end of this financial year will be a desi one."

ISRO's Space Application Centre in Ahmedabad has developed the indigenous atomic clocks. This is a significant step as these clocks are critical to measure precision location data. For NavIC to be fully operational and provide accurate real-time positioning and times services, at least seven satellites - three geostationary, four geosynchronous orbits - should be functional. Between 2013 to 2018, India successfully placed eight navigation satellites, of which few are currently non-functional reportedly due to malfunction of atomic clocks.

Somanath said: "Out of eight satellites, few are non-functional. NavIC is still operational and services are being provided with limited satellites. However, we got approval for building five new navigation satellites. One satellite is almost ready. This provides specific strategic sector services. For us (civilian use) commercial services are available, but for them we need to ensure services are always guaranteed and more accurate." Tapan Misra, former director of SAC under whose leadership desi atomic clocks were developed, told TNSE: "Atomic clocks are critical to measure the distance between satellite and the object on the ground. They provide precision location data. India today is one among few space-faring nations in the world to have developed this technology."

Busy months ahead

With normalcy returning post-pandemic, ISRO is gearing-up for a busy launch schedule in coming months with several important missions lined-up. Somanath said several launches of PSLV, GSLV and SSLV are in pipeline. Next year the commercial arm NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL) has contracted two launches. The ISRO is also planning to have its mission to the sun with its satellite Aditya-L1, Somanath said.

Group selfie turns tragic as 4 girls drown in B'gavi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Belagavi

A group selfie turned tragic for four young girls who fell into a water reservoir at Kitwad dam near Belagavi and drowned on Saturday morning.

The girls slipped and fell when they were taking a selfie while standing on the edge of the water reservoir.

The deceased have been identified as Aasia Mujawar (17), resident of Ujwal Nagar, Kudshia Hasim Patel (20), Rukhsar Bhisti (20), and Tasmia Bhisti (20), all residents of Zatpat Colony in Anagol. Another girl who was part of the group was saved by some people who were present there.

Kitwad dam is situated on the Maharashtra-Karnataka border and is 26 km away from Belagavi.

According to the sources, a group of 40 girls who are studying at Bashiban Madrasa and other schools in Belagavi had gone for a weekend picnic to the dam situated in Chandgad taluk of Kolhapur district.

The group of five girls, who were taking a selfie, fell into the reservoir when one of them slipped on the cement struture on which they were standing.

All five were holding each other's shoulders. Some people present at the spot were able to save one girl. The bodies of the four girls who drowned were recovered and brought to the district hospital in Belagavi and handed over to their families. A case has been registered at Chandgad police station of Maharashtra.

DCP (Law and Order) Ravindra Gadadi said, "The madrasa students went on a picnic to the waterfalls in Maharashtra. None of them knew how to swim. Some youths recently drowned in water stored in the stone quarries. I appeal to people who do not know swimming not to go closer to water bodies. Parents should be cautious while sending their children out for picnics".

CM: Copies of Constitution to be in all gram panchayats

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE state government is planning to distribute copies of the Constitution in every library across all gram panchayats. CM Basavaraj Bommai said that the idea is that every village should have a copy of the Constitution. The copies of 73rd & 74th Amendments along with Karnataka Panchayat Raj Act will also be distributed across the Gram Panchayats.

The CM told media persons on the occasion of the Constitution Day on Saturday, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the Constitution is his religious book. The oath-taking ceremony is held to implement the Constitution in its letter and spirit." Although decentralisation of powers have taken place, it still needs to be done at the ground level, he said.

BP Deepu (2nd from right), principal news photographer, TNIE, won the first prize in the 'Best Photograph' category for his picture 'Between Sea and Peril' at the Press Institute of India-International Committee of the Red Cross, annual awards. The prize carries a cash reward of ₹1 lakh

Moral policing: 3 held for dragging man out of bus, thrashing him

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

MANGALURU city police have arrested three persons in connection with an incident on Thursday evening when a man was dragged out of a bus and thrashed for travelling with a woman of a different faith.

The arrested are Muthu, 18, from Surathkal, Prakash, 21, from Surathkal, and Rakesh, 23, from Asaigoli. They all have links with the Bajrang Dal and Vishwa Hindu Parishad.

The man Sayyed Rasheem, 20, is a BE student of Nitte Institute of Technology, Karkala, while the woman is reportedly his classmate. They were travelling on a bus from Karkala to Mangaluru, when they were stopped by the accused at Nanthur in Mangaluru.

In his complaint, Rasheem stated that at around 4 pm, a group of men got into the bus and started abusing him.

He was forced to alight the bus and was allegedly beat him up with sticks and canes for travelling with a person of a different faith, he said in the complaint.

The city police said that the man was asked to show his ID card and that three men abused him, and he was made to alight the bus. Then he was assaulted.

Alok Kumar, ADGP, Law and Order, had tweeted on Friday that appropriate action was being taken against the accused. In October this year, a Muslim man was dragged out of a private bus for travelling with a woman of a different faith to Bengaluru.

DOC, 2 OTHERS BOOKED FOR FORCIBLE CONVERSION

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

THREE persons including a woman doctor have been booked under the Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2022, for allegedly trying to forcibly convert a girl to Islam.

Based on a complaint by the mother of the victim Shivani Poojary, the police have filed an FIR, stating that she was working at New Fans Bazar at Bikarnakatte and used to recharge her mobile phone at a shop belonging to one Khalib at Kaikamba.

Khalib befriended her, and promised that she would get a good job along with money in 2021. He took her to his relative's house at Kallapu.

She was then allegedly forced to offer namaz and read the Quran before being forcibly converted to Islam. Khalib had also allegedly molested her.

Her name was also changed to Ayisha, and she was given a burqa. Poojary later returned home a few days later in January 2021, but concealed everything from her family.

She found a job at the house of Yenepoya hospital owner for eight months, and later, she was given another job at a house in Kasargod by a woman named Rukiya, where she worked for seven months. Till March, she had no job, but then rejoined work at Yenepoya hospital owner's house, when a person named Sainaz, who also worked at the same house, gave her a job at the house of Dr Jameela and her husband Dr Sayyad.

Shivani alleged that while she was working at the house, Jameela allegedly asked her to wear burqa, and told her to introduce herself as a Muslim woman. Shivani left the job citing work and mental pressure, and returned home in October this year. Meanwhile, a person named Aiman from Bhadravathi contacted her on Instagram and forced her to get into a relationship with him. She went to Bhadravathi to meet him. Shivani has now demanded action against Khalib, Dr Jameela, Aiman and Khalib's relatives for allegedly forcing her to convert to Islam. The accused have been booked under sections 354, 354(A), 506 of the IPC and sections 3 and 5 of the Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2022.

CRIME PATROL

Bus driver in custody for assaulting biker

Bengaluru: The Yelahanka New Town police have taken a BMTC driver into custody for assaulting a biker in a road rage incident. After the video footage of the assault went viral on social media, the transport utility immediately suspended the driver, identified as Anand P B from Channapattana. The police said they registered a case against the driver based on a complaint by the biker, Sandeep Boniface, a resident of Puttenahalli. The police said Sandeep, a music trainer, and his wife were heading towards Doddaballapura Road when Anand tried to overtake another bus and started honking continuously. Soon, Sandeep found himself between two buses and Anand started abusing him and tried to ram the two-wheeler with the bus. When Sandeep questioned Anand's behaviour, the latter snatched his helmet and hit him repeatedly. His wife and public intervened and took Sandeep to a hospital where he is recovering. He sustained multiple injuries, including severe damage to his ribs, police said.

Labourer crushed during underground work

Bengaluru: A 25-year-old labourer was killed and another was injured when a concrete road slab fell on them when they were carrying out BWSSB's underground drainage work. The incident happened on Bajana Mandira Road in Kengeri police station limits around 3 pm on Saturday. The deceased, P Chalapathi, is from Mulbagal in Kolar, and the injured, M Muniyappa (45), also from Kolar, has been hospitalised. The two were digging a public road to lay a new sanitary line when the slab fell on them. Chalapathi died on the spot. "After the incident, the BWSSB officials claimed that the work was given to a contractor. A case of death by negligence under IPC 304A has been registered against contractor Devaraj. BWSSB authorities have been asked to furnish the documents pertaining to the contract. If they fail to produce the documents, they will also be held responsible," said an officer.

Union objects to recruitment rules for civic workers

Bengaluru: The All India Central Council of Trade Unions (AICCTU) has objected to the special recruitment rules for civic workers, stating that the state government has failed to consider the suggestions and recommendations made by its own five-member committee. The government had issued special rules for the recruitment of civic workers in Bengaluru and other districts on November 23. The union claimed that even before the report was submitted, the government had taken the decision to regularise only 11,133 workers as government employees. It said the committee had recommended regularisation of all workers and written assurances were also given to various worker unions that all workers will be made permanent. "All unions affiliated to AICCTU reject the rules completely and unconditionally. All existing civic workers should be made permanent. We do not want recruitment, we want tenure," they said.

Ignored by paramour, man hangs self

Bengaluru: Upset over being avoided by his paramour, a 28-year-old married man committed suicide in front of the woman's house on Friday at AG Halli. The victim, Raju, who was a resident of Anugondanahalli, had an illicit relationship with Anjali, who is married, and was staying separately after deserting her husband. Raju, who was a driver, also wanted to marry Anjali, but his parents convinced her to stay away from Raju, and this led to the woman avoiding Raju. He went near her house and started calling Anjali, but she refused to answer. This resulted in Raju hanging himself from the ceiling of a makeshift shed in front of her house around 4am on Friday. The police have registered a case of unnatural death. "Raju's parents who found out that their son wanted to marry another women, although he was married. They spoke to Anjali and convinced her to stay away from him. When she started avoiding him, Raju had been going near her house over the last month and kept requesting her. But she refused to answer his calls, which led to Raju threatening to commit suicide," said a police officer.

Hit by teacher, Class 8 student gets six stitches

Mysuru: A 12-year-old student of a private school in HD Kote taluk was left with six stitches on his right hand after being thrashed allegedly with a metal scale by his teacher.

Amruth, a Class 8 student from True Shepherd Public School in Shantipura in HD Kote taluk, was injured after Siddaraju, the teacher, allegedly beat him with a metal scale after Amruth was found playing with a chalk. When there was profuse bleeding, the panicked teacher and the school administration called Amruth's parents, who were told that their child had injured himself while playing with a cutter. The parents came to the school and took Amruth to a hospital for treatment, and he got stitches. The enraged parents have filed a complaint with the education department. Udaykumar, the block education officer, assured that stringent actions will be taken.

K'taka tops in registration of health pros

Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar on Saturday said Karnataka has bagged the top spot in registration of health professionals and is ranked two in the registration of health facilities under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. He said that there are 28,643 doctors and nurses registered in the Healthcare Professionals Registry and 27,244 facilities are registered under the Health Facility Registry. "Karnataka has also made key progress in setting up of section and block-wise fast track counters in OPDs using the scan-and-share feature under ABDM," Sudhakar added. **ENS**

UN-BRIDLED JOY

Edging past 287 entries from 11 countries in the Asia-Pacific region, two projects in Telangana have been awarded the prestigious UNESCO Asia-Pacific Awards for Cultural Heritage Conservation for the year 2022. While the **Domakonda Fort (in pic)** project won the Award of Merit, the Award of Distinction was bagged by the stepwells of Golconda. In a release, UNESCO said that 13 projects from six countries — India, Afghanistan, China, Iran, Nepal and Thailand — were acknowledged for the awards by an international jury

FIND SOLUTIONS TO CLIMATE CHANGE: NIRMALA TO STARTUPS

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

UNION Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday suggested that startups should emphasise on innovations to handle climate change as it will have a bearing on even the country's security.

Speaking at Vananam Startup Inclusion Summit held at a private hotel, Sitharaman pointed out that India, which is playing its role in the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, should find solutions to address the vagaries of climate change.

"Other than fintech, software is another critical area. The startup investors, those who organise resources should think about it," she advised. The climate-related solutions are required not just for defence strategies but also for transition to less challenging climatic conditions as it will cost the Indian economy heavily because of the damages which are likely to happen.

The farmers are trying to change their cropping patterns due to the unpredictability of climate change, she remarked.

Meanwhile, Sitharaman also suggested that startups should tap the potential in Maintenance Repair and Operations (MRO) of aircrafts as India's air traffic has acquired 16 per cent.

"Next year is crucial as the country is chairing the G20 summit and the government and the startups should work together," she said.

B'luru host to G20 FinMin meeting

Nirmala Sitharaman informed that Bengaluru will host the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors' meeting in February 2023, and suggested that startups should make the most of it. Each state will be hosting some events which will provide a platform to showcase their uniqueness

Adulteration of milk: HC bins plea to quash case

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THE Karnataka High Court dismissed a petition filed by an accused against registration of a crime case against him over alleged adulteration of milk during its transportation from dairies in local villages to the Central Main Dairy of Mandya District Milk Producers' Societies Union Limited at Gejjalagere.

"The documents collected during the probe will necessarily become a part of the chargesheet. Interference at this juncture is not warranted. Such adulteration would result in the taking away of nutritive value of the milk. Not stopping at that, it also alleged that the petitioner and the like are adding a chemical by the name Maltodextrin to the milk", Justice M Nagaprasanna observed.

The court made this observation while dismissing the petition filed by Doddaraju, a resident of Gnyanjyothi Nagar in the city, questioning a crime case registered by Maddur police. The Managing Director of the Milk Union registered the case under the provisions of the IPC and Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, in May 2021.

The government advocate argued that adulteration of milk has become a big menace in all the contract vehicles belonging to the petitioner and others. The lorries seized by the investigating agency contained a secret chamber to store water to percolate into the milk in the container when the vehicle was in running condition, therefore resulting in the adulteration of milk.

Policy to be ready in next 10 days

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AS the Centre's Vehicle Scrappage Policy allows states to frame their own rules, the Karnataka Transport Department is presently holding consultations with various experts and stake-holders. "We are expecting it to be ready in the next ten days," Transport Secretary N V Prasad told TNSE.

However, some officials are sceptical about implementing the policy in Karnataka. "There are many vehicle owners' associations in Karnataka who can bring political pressure to dilute the policy. There are thousands of vehicles in Karnataka which are more than 25 years old. They get Fitness Certificates by bribing officials. Many such owners will be unwilling to put their vehicles to scrap," sources said.

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ತಿಳಿಯಪಡಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ, ನಮ್ಮ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ನವೀನ್ ಗೋಪಾಲ್ ಬಿನ್ ಕೆ.ಎನ್. ಗೋಪಾಲ್, ನಂ. 519, 10ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯರಸ್ತೆ, ಎಂ.ಸಿ. ಲೇಔಟ್, ವಿಜಯನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು -560 040, ರವರು ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕೆಂಗೇರಿ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ರಾಮಸಂದ್ರ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ. 155 ರಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 1 ಎಕರೆ ಜಮೀನು, ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30-06-2022 ರಂದು ಕ್ರಯಕ್ಕೆ ಪಡೆದಿದ್ದು, ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ಜಮೀನಿಗೆ ನವೀನ್ ಗೋಪಾಲ್ ರವರೇ ಮಾಲೀಕರಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನಿಗೆ ಬೇರೆ ಯಾರಿಗೂ ಯಾವುದೇ ರೀತಿಯ ಹಕ್ಕುಬಾಧ್ಯತೆ, ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಯಾವುದೂ ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಯಾವುದೇ 3ನೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿ ಸದರಿ ಜಮೀನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ವ್ಯವಹಾರವನ್ನು ಮಾಡುವುದು ನಿಷಿದ್ಧವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಯಾವುದೇ 3ನೇ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಯೊಂದಿಗೆ ವ್ಯವಹರಿಸಿದಲ್ಲಿ ನವೀನ್ ಗೋಪಾಲ್ ರವರು ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯಾಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಅಂತಹ ವ್ಯವಹಾರವನ್ನು ನಿಷೇಧಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

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BEFORE THE KARNATAKA STATE CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL COMMISSION BASAVA BHAVAN, HIGH GROUNDS BANGALORE-560001
Under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986
Execution application No.40/2021
In
CC No.136/2017

George Saldana(deceased) LRS Winifred Saldana and others ...**Petitioner/Complainant/Appellant**
Versus
Sri Diya Projects Pvt. Limited ...**OppositeParty/Respondent(s)**
To

Opposite Party / Respondent Name:
1. Sri Diya Projects Private Limited, No.180, 1st floor, 8th Main, 14th cross, 6th sector HSR Layout, Bangalore-560 102 and also at Shri Diya Viola, Sree Narayana Nagar, Kada Agrahara,Bangalore-562125 represented by its Managing Director, R. Shankar Prasad

SHOW CAUSE NOTICE UNDER SECTION 71 OF THE CPA TO THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR FOR HEARING OF EXECUTION APPLICATION IN DAILY ENGLISH NEWS PAPER INDIAN EXPRESS 'BANGALORE EDITION.

Whereas, the Complaint has filed the above execution application for non compliance of the order passed in complaint No.136/2017 dated:5/7/2019, seeking direction against you for compliance. You are hereby notified to appear before this Hon'ble Commission in person or through a pleader or person authorized duly instructed, on this **17th December,2022 at 11.00 A.M.** to show cause why action shall not be taken u/s 71 of the C P Act for your disobedience of the Order.
Given under the hand and seal of this Commission on this 22nd day of November, 2022

By Order of the Commission
ASST.REGISTRAR-CUM-ASST.ADMN. OFFICER
K.S.C.D.R.C, BANGALORE: 560001
Advocate for Complainant/ Decree holder

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general/public at large are hereby notified that my client **Sri. Manjunath Gaddi** S/o Hanumantha Gaddi Aged 31 Years, R/at No. 42, Kengeri Check Post, Bangalore -560060, intends to purchase the schedule property from Mr. Syed Zaheer Ahmed S/o Mr. Syed Muneer Ahmed Aged about 41 years, Residence No.36, TCM Royan Road, 4th Cross, Old Pension Mohall, Bangalore South, Chamrajpet, Bangaluru, Karnataka -18,. Any persons having any objections or claiming any right, title or interest in the said property are requested to lodge the same with undersigned along with documentary evidence within 7 days from this date failing which my client shall proceed with the transaction free from all encumbrance.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the House No. 12, Khatha No.731/4, Kengeri Grama (Town) BBMP Limit, Kengeri Hobali, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore. And bounded on:-
East by : Sri. Narasimhamurthy's Property,
West by : 25 feet Road,
North by : Usha Subramaniyan's Property No.11
South by : S Susheela's Property No.13.
East to West 40'0 feet, North to South 30'0 feet. Totally 1200 Sq feet.

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SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Tender Notice No. 15/2022 Dated: 16-11-2022
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tender through IREPS only for supply of following item:

Descriptionin Brief:- Joint less grooved copper contact wire, 107 Sq mm2, made out of continuos cast copper wire rods. SPEC.TI SPC OHE CW 0971, STR:T1 STR 017 REC 02. **(Qty. 3.75 KM) (Tender No. L8226063A)**

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 14:00 Hrs. on 16-12-2022**

For details log on:www.ireps.gov.in

Senior Divisional Materials Manager
PUB/509/AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23 **Bengaluru**
S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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Open e-Tender Notice No. DRM/Works/SC/173/2022/OT. Dt: 26.11.2022
PUB/1044

For and on behalf of President of India, the undersigned invites e-tender for the following works up to 14.00 hours on 19.12.2022

1. **e-Tender No .:** 173_S_SC_22_OT **Name of the work:** SC Division: KZJ-BZA section - Proposed construction of Road Under Bridge (RUB) in lieu of LCs. 1) LC No: 114 (M) Up, Dn & third line portion as precast RCC box size 1x5.50x5.00m at Km 506/26-28 between CKN-BKL stations by Air pushing method. 2) LC No: 115A (M) Up, Dn & third line portion as precast RCC box size 1x5.50x5.00m at Km 509/12-14 between CKN-BKL stations by Air pushing method. 3) LC No: 124 (M) Up, Dn & third line portion as precast RCC box size 1x5.50x5.00m at Km 533/4-6 between MDR-TNGM stations by Box pushing method. 4) LC No: 134 (M) Up, Dn & third line portion as precast RCC box size 1x5.50x5.00m at Km 552/0-2 between YP-GNN stations by Box pushing method. 5) LC No: 138 (M) Up, Dn & third line portion at Km 562/8-10 between CVV-KI stations by Box pushing method. **Approx. Tender Value:** (₹) 39,79,24,203/- **EMD:** (₹) 21,39,700/- **Completion period in Months :** 12 **Maintenance period in Months :** 36

1. Tenderers should participate through e-tendering only and no manual offers may be considered.
2. All the prospective tenderers are requested to remit EMD through online payments only.
3. The Railway reserves the right to cancel the tender without assigning any reason thereto.
4. All the prospective tenderers are advised to get GSTIN identification Nos. and submit along with their offer.

Sr.DEN/Co-ordination/
A1396 **Secunderabad**

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Indian Overseas Bank

East End Main Road Branch, 42/166, East End Main Road, Jayanagar, 9th Block, Bangalore-560069.

POSSESSION NOTICE
Under (Rule 8(1)) of SARFAESI Act, 2002

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Indian Overseas Bank** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 01-09-2022** calling upon the borrower/ Mortgagor/Guarantors: **1) Mr. Amarnath K (Borrower/Mortgagor),** No.13, Amar Rice Centre, 8th Main, C Cross, B.G.Road, New Guruppanapalya, Bangalore-560076 & **2) Mr. Harinath K (Borrower/Mortgagor),** No.14, Srinidhi Layout, KC Circle, Chunchaghatta Main Road, Konakumte, Bangalore-560062 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.15,35,378.77 (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Eight and Paise Seventy Seven Only)** as on 31-08-2022 with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc till date of realisation within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **25th day of November of the Year 2022.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Indian Overseas Bank,** for an amount **Rs.15,35,378.77 (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Eight and Paise Seventy Seven Only)** as on 31-08-2022 with interest thereon at contractual rates and rests as agreed, charges etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the Demand notice till date of payments less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is **Rs.15,71,281.77 (Rupees Fifteen Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty One and Paise Seventy Seven Only)** payable with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc., till date of payment.

The borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets. Sub-Clause (8) of this clause provides.

"Where the amount of dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by him is tendered to the secured creditor at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets:-
(i) the secured assets shall not be transferred by way of lease assignment or sale by the secured creditor; and
(ii) in case, any step has been taken by the secured creditor for transfer by way of lease or assignment or sale of the assets before tendering of such amount under this sub-section, no further step shall be taken by such secured creditor for transfer by way of lease or assignment or sale of such secured assets".

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of property at Site No.14 House list V.P.Khatha No.312, Chunchaghatta Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore measuring East to West 50 Feet and North to South 37+34/2 Feet within limits of B.B.M.P. Bangalore **and bounded on the: East by:** Site No.15, **West by:** Site No.13, **North by:** Road, South by: Private Property.
This Property is in the name of Amarnath K and Harinath K.

Date: 25-11-2022 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **Indian Overseas Bank**

SMART CITY THIRUVANANTHAPURAM LIMITED
CIN U75302KL2017SGC05027

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are invited for the following projects of Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Limited Project Area 1) Request for proposal RFP for selection of contractor for Development of Smart roads and underground ducting including Utility shifting of water supply and power lines in ABD area Under Smart City mission corporation roads in Thiruvananthapuram Package-3 - Balance Works.

Sl. No.	Name of Project	E-Tender ID	PAC Amount (Exclusive of GST)
1	Development of Smart Roads and underground Ducting Including Utility Shifting of Water Supply and Power lines in ABD area Under Smart City Mission (Corporation Roads) in Thiruvananthapuram package 3 - Balance works.	2022_SCTLT_533432_1	Rs. 1,75,81,489/-

❖ **Bid Submission Last Date: 12th December 2022, Monday, 3.00 PM**

Date and Time of Opening Price Bid: To be intimated separately to technically qualified bidders by e-mail. All the RFP documents and details are available on the e-Procurement Website. Bids are only accepted online on the Website https://etenders.kerala.gov.in

(Sd/-), Chief Executive Officer, Smart City Thiruvananthapuram Ltd.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that, our client is proposing to acquire the lands situated in Thornahalli Agrahara Village, Kasaba Hobli, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, from its respective owners, which is morefully described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the "**Schedule Property**".

Any person having any subsisting claim, demand, estate, share, right, title or interest of any nature whatsoever, in respect of the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner including by way of sale, exchange, let, lease, license, assignment, mortgage, lien, charge, maintenance, trust, possession, tenancy, easement, beneficial interest or pre-emption or under any agreement or other disposition or under any suit or award passed by any Court or Authority, arbitrator, *lis-pendens*, power of attorney, bequest, inheritance, succession, gift, FSI, development rights, partnership, family arrangement or settlement or otherwise encumbrance howsoever ("**Claim**"), are hereby requested to respond with documentary proof to the undersigned within 15 (Fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it shall be presumed that no such Claim exists and if it existed, the claimant has relinquished such Claim and/or waived their right to exercise such Claim and our client shall proceed to acquire the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Survey No.	Extent including kharabh		Names of the Landowners	Boundaries			
	Acres	Guntas		East By	West By	North By	South By
17/1	4	36	Mr. B. Lokeshappa	Land in Survey No. 12/1	Land in Survey No. 76	Land in Survey No. 17/2	Land in Survey No. 18/1
17/2	2	0	Ms. Sujatha	Land in Survey No. 12/1	Land in Survey No. 76	Land in Survey No. 16	Land in Survey No. 17/1
18/1	4	4	Mr. B. Lokeshappa	Land in Survey No. 12/1	Land in Survey Nos. 76 & 19	Land in Survey No. 17/1	Land in Survey No. 18/2
18/2	0	25	Mr. M. Muniraju	Land in Survey Nos. 18/5 and 18/1	Land in Survey No. 19	Land in Survey No. 18/1	Land in Survey Nos. 18/3, 18/4 and 18/5
18/3	1	10	Mr. Narayana swamy	Land in Survey No. 18/1	Land in Survey No. 19	Land in Survey Nos. 18/2, 18/4 and 18/5	Thimma pura village boundary
18/4	0	15	Mr. C. Raja	Land in Survey No. 18/1	Land in Survey No. 18/5	Land in Survey No. 18/2	Land in Survey No. 18/3
18/5	0	10	Mr. C. Raja	Land in Survey No. 18/4	Land in Survey No. 18/2	Land in Survey No. 18/2	Land in Survey No. 18/3
10/3	0	20	Mr. B. Narayanappa	Land in Survey No. 10/2	Land in Survey No. 11/1	Land in Survey No. 10/1	Thimma pura village boundary
11/1	4	18	Mr. B. Narayanappa	Land in Survey No. 10/3	Land in Survey No. 11/2	Land in Survey No. 14	Thimma pura village boundary
11/2	3	9	Mr. B. Dyavappa	Land in Survey No. 11/1	Land in Survey No. 12/2	Land in Survey No. 14	Thimma pura village boundary
12/1	4	37	Ms. Bharathamma alongwith her children	Land in Survey No. 12/2	Land in Survey Nos 17/2, 17/1, 18/1 & 18/2	Land in Survey No. 14	Thimma pura village boundary
12/2	3	21	Mr. B. Dyavappa	Land in Survey No. 11/2	Land in Survey No. 12/1	Land in Survey No. 14	Thimma pura village boundary
19	4	0	Ms. Nyanamma alongwith her children	Land in Survey Nos 18/1, 18/2 & 18/3	Land in Survey Nos. 20 and 76	Land in Survey No. 76	Thimma pura village boundary
Total	34	5					

Dated this 27th day of November 2022.

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ (ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಉದ್ಯಮ)

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ನಂ.5, ಭದ್ರಾ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.
ಫೋ: 08192-264669 ಇ-ಮೇಲ್: eebcddvg@yahoo.co.in
ಸಂ:ಕಾಇಂ/ಕನೀನಿನಿ/ಭನಾವಿ.5/ದಾ/ಪಿಬಿ6/4701ಭರಮಸಾಗರ/2022-23/2237 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 21.11.2022

ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ-1

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ:- **This Office Tender Notification No: EE/ KNNL/ BCD-5/DVG/PB-6/BHARAMASAGARA/2197 /2022-23 Dated: 17.11.2022** ಉಲ್ಲೇಖಿತ ಪತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾದ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಟೆಂಡರನಲ್ಲಿನ ಕೆಲವು ಅಂಶಗಳನ್ನು ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದಾಗಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ	ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿರುವ ವಿವರಣೆ	ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿರುವ ದರ	ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಓದಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು	ಷರಾ
1	Item no.12 Providing and constructing dry rubble rock-toe using rubble and stone chips from approved source including cost of all materials, machinery, labour, hand packing rubble and stone chips, finishing top and sides to required slopes etc., complete with all lead and all lifts	805.00	783.00	
2	First Electronic tender Document, condition no.7 The intending bidder should have executed following minimum quantity of items in any one financial year in previous 5 financial years (i.e., from 2017-18 to 2021-22) for which the necessary certificates issued by officers not below the rank of Executive Engineer, shall be uploaded. Sl.no | Description | Unit | Quantity 1 | Excavation/ Embabkment | cum | 69460.00 2 | Stone Pitching | Sqm | 3460.00 3 | Reinforced cement concrete – M20 | Cum | 51.00 4 | Vertical/inclined graded filter | Cum | 200.00		First Electronic tender Document, condition no.7 The intending bidder should have executed following minimum quantity of items in any one financial year in previous 5 financial years (i.e., from 2017-18 to 2021-22) for which the necessary certificates issued by officers not below the rank of Executive Engineer, shall be uploaded. Sl.no | Description | Unit | Quantity 1 | Excavation/ Embabkment | cum | 69460.00 2 | Stone Pitching | Sqm | 3460.00 3 | Reinforced cement concrete – M20 | Cum | 51.00	

ಬಾಕಿ ಉಳಿದಂತೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ, ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಮುಂದೂಡುವ, ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟ್ (http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ, ಕೆಳಗೆ ಸಹಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರ ಕಛೇರಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ವಾಶಾಇ/ಡಿಪಿಜಿ/636/ಎಂಸಿಎ/2022-23 ಕನೀನಿನಿ, ನಂ.5 ಭದ್ರಾ ನಾಲಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ದಾವಣಗೆರೆ.

Office of the Executive Engineer, P.W.D. Special division, Shimoga

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SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (Two-cover system)

IFT NO: 57/ 2022-23 **Date : 25-11-2022**

The Executive Engineer, Public Works Department, Shimoga Special Division, invites tenders as per K.T.P.P act 2000, in standard Bid document K/W-3 (two cover system) Contractors has registered in PWD Department Class-3 & above can apply for the work approved under 3054- Bridge (Flood), **RECONSTRUCTION OF BRIDGE ON ARAGA - NONABURU - MALLESARA - SHANKARAHALLI ROAD CH: 11.20 KM IN THIRTHAHALLI TALUK (Indent No. 160638) Work and in Amount put to Tender is Rs.83.09 lakhs and EMD amount is Rs. 1.67 Lakhs. Time allowed for completion of work is 06 months including Monsoon.**

The tenderers may submit tenders through E-procurement portal of the Government of Karnataka (viz., http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in). The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria Specified in Clause 3 of the Section - 2 (Instructions to tenderers) of document, to qualify for award of the contract. Tender documents may be downloaded from the e-procurement portal from **25.11.2022 to 12.12.2022.** Last date for receipt of tender is on **12.12.2022 at 17.30 PM.** The Technical bid will be opened on **13.12.2022 at 5.30 PM onwards** and financial bid will be opened after **14.12.2022 Onwards.** If there any Changes it is published through E-Procurement only. More information may be obtained from the office during working hours. Information published in Website is final.

DIPR/SMG/No.168-11 **Sd/-Executive Engineer,**
zenkar/2022-23 **PWD Special Division, Shimoga.**

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED

(A Govt. of Karnataka Enterprises)
Office of the Executive Engineer, No.2 Varuna Canal Construction Division, Cauvery Bhavan Complex, Gokulam 4th Stage, Mysore-570 020
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SHORT-TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

No: 08/2022-23 Date:25.11.2022

Item wise tenders are invited by Executive Engineer, No.2 VCC Division, Mysuru on behalf of Managing Director, CNNL, Bengaluru from eligible contractors registered in MD, CNNL, Mysuru for 12 Number of SCP & TSP CC Road works costing from Rs.20.00 Lakhs to Rs.95 Lakhs. Out of 12 works two works are Reserved for Schedule caste & one work for Schedule Tribe. Last date to submit tender form is **05.12.2022 before 4.30 pm.** Opening of filled tender form is on **07.12.2022 at 4.30 pm.** For more details visit **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** website or office during office hours on working days.

Sd/- Executive Engineer No.2, VCC Division, Mysuru

KARNATAKA GOVERNMENT SECRETARIAT

Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Finance Department
Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru-560 001.

No.: FD/05/BMB/2022 Date: 24-11-2022

KARNATAKA GOVT. STOCK (SECURITIES)

1. **Aggregate Amount: Total Rs.4000 crore [(Rs.2000 crore (15 Year Tenure) and Rs.2000 crore (20 Year Tenure)]**
2. **Method of Issue : By Auction, through PDO, RBI, Mumbai (Fort)**
3. **Date of Auction : November 29, 2022**

Government of Karnataka invites subscription to the above securities. Copies of the Notification and Application forms may be obtained from PDO, RBI, Bangalore. Non-competitive bidding facility has been introduced by RBI to encourage participation of retail investors. The Government stock upto 10% of the notified amount of the sale will be allotted to eligible individuals and institutions. Sample Tender Forms and the revised scheme of Non-competitive bidding facility is available on the website **www.rbi.org.in**

Sd/- (Dr. Ekroop Caur), Secretary to Government,
(Budget & Resources) Finance Department
DIPR/CP/RO3235/AAPL/2022-23

JODHPUR VIDYUT VITRAN NIGAM LTD.

Corporate Identity Number (CIN) –U40109RJ2000SGC016483 Regd. Office: New Power House, Jodhpur- 342003 OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (CSS) Phone No: 0291-2742336, Fax No: 0291-2745259 E-mail: secssjodhpur@gmail.com, Web site: energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl

E-PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTICE

E-bids in two part(Techno-commercial and Price bid) are invited from eligible bidders for Appointment of Project Management Agency (PMA) to provide Consultancy Services for assisting and supporting in Project Management to Jodhpur Discom under Revamped Reforms-Linked Results-Based Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) against **TNTW- 654 (UBN-JVV2223SLOB00406)**. The estimated cost of work is **Rs. 48.46 Crore.**

Details regarding Tender No. Tender cost, Earnest money, Date of tender opening etc. are available websites **http://energy.rajasthan.gov.in/jdvvnl, http://sppp.rajasthan.gov**. The bidders, in their own interest are requested to read very carefully the tender documents before submitting the bid through on line on website **www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**.

Note: Interested bidders please note that in future the any other notices/information regarding amendment/corrigendum/addendum/dates extension etc. for above tenders will be available only on aforesaid websites.

Raj.Samwad/C/22/10870 SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (CSS)

बिजली संबंधी शिकायतों के लिए टोल फ्री नम्बर 1800 180 6045

ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಘವೇಂದ್ರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ವಿದ್ಯಾವರ್ಧಕ ಸಂಘ (ರಿ)
ತಾಳಗುಂದ, ಶಿಕಾರಿಪುರ ತಾ॥ ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಘವೇಂದ್ರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ವಿದ್ಯಾವರ್ಧಕ ಸಂಘ (ರಿ) ತಾಳಗುಂದ ಶಿಕಾರಿಪುರ ತಾ॥ ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಈ ಸಂಘದಿಂದ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀ ಮಾರುತಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಪ್ರೌಢಶಾಲೆ, ಹುರುಳಿ, ಸೊರಬ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಈ ಪ್ರೌಢಶಾಲೆಯು ಅನುದಾನರಹಿತ ಪ್ರೌಢಶಾಲೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಪ್ರೌಢಶಾಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಖಾಲಿ ಇರುವ ಸಹ ಶಿಕ್ಷಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಾದ 1) ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ವಿಷಯದ ಬೋಧಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಯನ್ನು ಎಸ್‌ಸಿ ಜಾತಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿಟ್ಟು 2) ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್ ಭಾಷಾ ಬೋಧಕ ಸಹಶಿಕ್ಷಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಯನ್ನು ಜನರಲ್ ಮೆರಿಟ್ (GM) ಜಾತಿಯವರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿಟ್ಟು ಸದರಿ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡುವ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04-08-2022ರ ಇಂಡಿಯನ್ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ರೆಸ್ ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್ ಭಾಷೆಯ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ಮೇಲೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು.

ತದ ನಂತರ ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಘವೇಂದ್ರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ವಿದ್ಯಾವರ್ಧಕ ಸಂಘದ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ನಡೆಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ಶ್ರೀ ಮಾರುತಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಪ್ರೌಢಶಾಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ 1) ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ: ಭಾಷಾ ಬೋಧಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಯನ್ನು ಜನರಲ್ ಮೆರಿಟ್ (GM) ಜಾತಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲು ಇಡಲಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂದು 2) ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್ ಭಾಷಾ ಬೋಧಕ ಸಹಶಿಕ್ಷಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಯನ್ನು ಎಸ್‌ಸಿ ಜಾತಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲು ಇಡಲಾಗಿದೆಯೆಂದು ದಿ:07-08-2022ರ ಇಂಡಿಯನ್ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ರೆಸ್ ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್ ಭಾಷೆಯ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಮೇಲೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ ಸಂಘದವರ ಕೈ ತಪ್ಪಿನಿಂದ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು. ಸದರಿ ಮೇಲೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಅರ್ಹ ಅಭ್ಯರ್ಥಿಗಳಿಂದ ಅರ್ಜಿಯನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿತ್ತು.

ದಿ:07-08-2022ರ ಇಂಡಿಯನ್ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ರೆಸ್ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಮಾರುತಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಪ್ರೌಢಶಾಲೆ, ಹುರುಳಿ, ಸೊರಬ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಈ ಪ್ರೌಢಶಾಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಸ್.ಸಿ ಜಾತಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಾದ ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್ ಭಾಷಾ ಬೋಧಕ ಸಹಶಿಕ್ಷಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಜನರಲ್ ಮೆರಿಟ್ (GM) ಜಾತಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಾದ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ವಿಷಯ ಭಾಷಾ ಬೋಧಕ ಸಹಶಿಕ್ಷಕರ ಹುದ್ದೆಯನ್ನು ಭರ್ತಿಮಾಡಲು ಇಂಡಿಯನ್ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ರೆಸ್ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಘವೇಂದ್ರ ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ವಿದ್ಯಾವರ್ಧಕ ಸಂಘ (ರಿ) ತಾಳಗುಂದ, ಶಿಕಾರಿಪುರ ತಾ॥ ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಈ ಸಂಘದಿಂದ ರದ್ದು ಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ದಿ:04-08-2022ರ ಇಂಡಿಯನ್ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ರೆಸ್ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಾದ ಎಸ್.ಸಿ ಜಾತಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಾದ 1) ವಿಜ್ಞಾನ ವಿಷಯದ ಬೋಧಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಯನ್ನು ಹಾಗು ಜನರಲ್ ಮೆರಿಟ್ (GM) ಜಾತಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಾದ 2) ಇಂಗ್ಲೀಷ್ ಭಾಷಾ ವಿಷಯದ ಬೋಧಕ ಹುದ್ದೆಯನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಿ ಸದರಿ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಸರ್ವಾನುಮತದಿಂದ ತೀರ್ಮಾನಿಸಲಾಯಿತು. ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ದಿ:07-08-2022ರ ಇಂಡಿಯನ್ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ರೆಸ್ ಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಮಾಡಿದ ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳನ್ನು ರದ್ದು ಮಾಡಿದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ವತಿಯಿಂದ ಆದ ತಪ್ಪನ್ನು ಕ್ಷಮಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿ ಕೋರುತ್ತೇವೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು, ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಘವೇಂದ್ರಸ್ವಾಮಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ವಿದ್ಯಾವರ್ಧಕ ಸಂಘ (ರಿ),
ತಾಳಗುಂದ, ಶಿಕಾರಿಪುರ ತಾ॥, ಶಿವಮೊಗ್ಗ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ

SHRIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LIMITED

SHRIRAM City — MONEY WHEN YOU NEED IT MOST
Registered Office: Office No. 123, Angappa Naicken Street, Chennai – 600 001.
Administrative office for the States of Andhra Pradesh & Telangana at No.3-6-478, 4 th floor, Anand Estate, Liberty Road, Himayatnagar, Hyderabad-500029. Website: www.shriramcity.in
Branch: Opp:: SBI Bank, Kanekal Road, Rayadurgam.

DEMAND NOTICE

Whereas the Borrowers/Co-Borrowers/Guarantors/ mentioned hereunder had availed the financial assistance from **SHRIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LTD.** We state that despite having availed the financial assistance, the Borrowers/Guarantors have committed various defaults in repayment of interest and principal amounts as per due dates. The account has been classified as Non Performing Asset in accordance with the directives/guidelines issued by Reserve Bank of India, consequent to the Authorized Officer of **SHRIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LTD.** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 & in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with Rule 3 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued **Demand Notices** on respective dates mentioned herein below under Section 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, 2002 calling upon the following Borrowers /Guarantors /Mortgagors to repay the amount mentioned in the notices together with further interest at the contractual rate on the amount mentioned in the notices and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc until the date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of notices.

The notices issued to them on their last known addresses have returned un-served and as such they are hereby informed by way of public notice about the same.

The Borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Name of The Borrower (S)/ Co-Borrower (S)/ Guarantors : 1) M. Abdul Khaliq, S/o Late M. Abdul Quddus. aged about : 45years, residing at D.No. 17-1- 1/4, Parvathi Nagar, Rayadurgam, Anantapur Dist., 515865, **2) S. Momin Ammera, W/o M. Abdul Khaliq,** aged about : 35years, residing at D.No. 17-1-1/4, Parvathi Nagar, Rayadurgam, Anantapur Dist., 515865, **3) S. Javeed, S/o Islamuddin,** aged about : 36years, residing at No. 14, Kanchohalli, Dasannapura Hobli, Lakshmipura, Bengalore, Karnataka 562123.

LOAN NUMBER	RAYD1TF2105030007
LOAN AMOUNT	Rs. 20,00,000/-
NPA DATE	08.01.2022
DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE	10.09.2022
OUTSTANDING AMOUNT	Rs.35,81,424/-

PROPERTY ADDRESS OF SECURED ASSETS : Ananthapur District, Rayadurgam Sub District, Rayadurgam Municipalicty , Rayadurgam Village Accounts, survey no. 224/2D out on an extent of AC.3.42 cents, Plot No. 5, site measuring East to West 20 ft or 6.07 mts, and North to south 40 ft or 12.13mts, total extent of 88.88 Sq. Yards, in that RCC building along with accessories bearing Door No. 17-1-1/4. Bounded on :: **EAST :** House of Chowdappa in Plot No. 4, **WEST :** Plot No. 6 of Hanumantha, **NORTH :** Land of K. Nagarajappa and others, **SOUTH :** Road;

In the circumstances as aforesaid, the notice is hereby given to the above borrowers, co-borrowers and/ or their guarantors (where ever applicable) to pay the outstanding dues as mentioned above along with future interest and applicable charges within 60 days from the date of the publication of this notice failing which further steps will be taken after the expiry of 60 days of the date of this notice against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the borrowers and the mortgagors under Section 13(4) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the applicable rules there under.

Please note that under Section 13 (13) of the said Act, no Borrower shall, transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise any of his secured assets referred to in the notice, without prior written consent of the secured creditor.

Date : 25-11-2022 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : RAYADURGAM **SHRIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LTD**

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS
O/O, THE OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR, HIGH COURT, MADRAS
Corporate Bhavan, II Floor, No.29, Rajaji Salai, Chennai - 600001.
Phone No.044-25271149/51, Website: www.mca.gov.in

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

In the matter of the Companies Act, 1956 and
In the matter of M/s.Best & Crompton Engineering Limited (In Provisional Liquidation)
Company Application No.552 of 2022
In
Company Petition No. 63 of 2013

SALE NOTICE

Pursuant to the orders of the Hon'ble High Court, Madras dated **18.11.2022** sealed tenders are invited from the interested parties by the undersigned for the purchase of Plant & Machinery and other movable assets belonging to **M/s. Best & Crompton Engineering Limited (in provisional liquidation)** on **"as is where is and whatever there is condition" as one lot.**

SL. No.	Description of assets	Location	Upset Price (in Rs.-in Lakhs)	E.M.D. @ 10% (in Rs.- in lakhs)
1	Plant, Machineries and Other Movable Assets	No.33, MM Industrial Estate, Jai Nagar, 7th Block, Yedaiyur, Bengaluru - 560 082.	90 Lakhs.	9,00,000/-

2.	Date of inspection of Movable Assets at Bengaluru on	:	03.12.2022 and 04.12.2022 (Saturday and Sunday) Between **11.00 A.M.** and **4.00 P.M.**
3.	Last date for submission of tenders	:	20.12.2022 upto 05.00 P.M.
4.	Cost of Tender Form	:	**Rs.1500/-. Per form (Non refundable/ Non adjustable)**
5.	Opening of the tenders and Auction before Hon'ble High Court, Madras	:	23.12.2022.
6.	Tender Form, Terms & Conditions can be obtained from the office of the undersigned during any working day in between **11 A.M and 4 P.M.** from **28.11.2022 to 20.12.2022** and at the site on 03.12.2022 & 04.12.2022.		
7.	Sealed tenders accompanied by the Earnest Money Deposit by way of Demand draft drawn in favour of **"The Official Liquidator, High Court, Madras"** should directly be submitted to the Office of the Official Liquidator, High Court, Madras at the above address. For details of the properties, either log on to **www.mca.gov.in** or contact the office of the undersigned.		
8.	The intending purchasers should furnish their name, address, mail id and contact number on the sealed tender cover containing Tender Form and EMD.		
9.	The bidders shall be present at the office of the Official Liquidator, High Court, Madras at the above address at 9.30 A.M. on the date of opening of tender forms as indicated above. The proceedings shall be held as per the directions of the Hon'ble High Court, Madras.		

DATED AT CHENNAI THIS THE DAY OF 23rd NOVEMBER, 2022.

Sd/- (SRIDHAR PAMARTHI I.C.L.S.),
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR, HIGH COURT, MADRAS

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

CUB TRUST AND EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in,
Ph : 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.4,17,09,355/- (Rupees Four Crore Seventeen Lakh Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Five Only)** as on **18-11-2022** together with further interest to be charged from **19-11-2022** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) M/s. New Janatha Saw Mill, No.1340, B.M. Road, Rai Channapatna - 562 160. No.2) Mr. Syed Shakil Ahmed, S/o. Mr. Syed Ahmed Pasha, No.1287/23, Yadgar Mohalla, Ward No.29, B Division, Channapatna - 562 160. No.3) Mrs. Afrin Nikkath, W/o. Mr. Syed Shakil Ahmed, No.1287/23, Yadgar Mohalla, Ward No.29, B Division, Channapatna - 562 160. No.4) M/s. Janatha Timber Traders, No.108/104, Karemegala Doddi, Channapatna (Tk.), Ramnagara (Dist.) - 562 160. No.5) Mr. Syed Shafiq Ahmed, S/o. Mr. Syed Ahmed Pasha, No.1287/23, Yadgar Mohalla, Ward No.29, B Division, Channapatna - 562 160. No.6) M/s. G.A. Construction, No.1520-C, MBC Complex, Nizam Chowk, Channapatna - 562 160. No.7) Mr. Saheb Miyan, S/o. Mr. Mahaboob Miyan, No.1023, M.G.Road, Kulumbudi, PWD Circle, Channapatna - 562 160. No.8) Mrs. Rohina Banu, W/o. Mr. Saheb Miyan, No.1023, M.G. Road, Kulumbudi, PWD Circle, Channapatna - 562 160. No.9) Mrs. Wajeeha Banu, W/o. Mr. Mahaboob Miyan, No.1023, Uppar Daira, Near Jamiya Masjid, M.G. Road, Ram Nagare - 562 160.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - B: (Property Owned by Mr. Syed Shafiq Ahmed, S/o Mr. Syed Ahmed Pasha)

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Sy.No.56/2, measuring 0.06 Guntas situated at Tattekere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatne Taluk, Ramnagara. Bounded on: East by - Road, West by - Sy.No.61/2, North by - Private Property, South by - Magadum Sa Property.

Schedule - C: (Property Owned by Mr. Syed Shafiq Ahmed, S/o. Mr. Syed Ahmed Pasha)

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Sy.No.61/2, measuring 0.22 Guntas situated at Tattekere Village, Kasaba Hobli, Channapatna Taluk. Bounded on: East by - Road, West by - RT Narayanaswamy Property, North by - Private Property, South by - Magadum Sa Property.

Reserve Price: Rs.1,60,00,000/-
(Rupees One Crore Sixty Lakh only) (For Schedule : B & C)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
14-12-2022	**City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru - Ramanagara Branch,** B.M. Road, 316 I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571 511. Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale:

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Ramanagara Branch, B.M. Road, 316 I Stage, Near Bus Stand, Bengaluru-Mysore Main Road, Ramanagara, Bengaluru Rural - 571 511. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.**, together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-27276688, Cell No.9379511195. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 25-11-2022 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287,
Telephone No.0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is given to the General Public that, my client is going to sanction a Loan from my client's bank in favour of **Sri. SHIVARAMAIAH.R**. S/o Late Ramaiah, residing at Agalakuppe Road, Sompura, Dabaspete, in respect to the schedule property mentioned here under. And as per the information from the borrower Sri.Shivaramaiah.R. S/o Late Ramaiah, the Original Regd. Sale Deed (Mother Deed), registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Nelamangala, Vide Book No.1, Volume No.1660, Regn. No.2084, from Pages 186 to 188, in the year 1992-93, dated 10.02.1992, of Sri.A.Shanmukha S/o Late Annaiahappa has been lost or misplaced while shifting of House, hence if any person having any interest, right or any claim over the above said documents in respect to the schedule property may intimate the same in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned within **seven (7) days** from the date of this publication, failing which, my client shall proceed with the loan transaction as not claimed.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Site bearing Site No.1, formed in **Sy No.4, Khatha No.403/423/1,** Measuring towards East to West 35 Feet and North to South 35 Feet i.e., 35' X 35' Feet, Situated at Sompura Grama, Sompura Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, and together Bounded on: **East By:** Site belongs to Krishnappa. **West By:** Site belongs to Shanthamma. **North By:** Land belongs to Shanthamma. **South By:** 30 Feet Road.

MOHAMED AFROZE AHAMED
Advocate & Legal Adviser,
Opp. State Bank of India, M.G. Road,
Tumkur-572101 **Ph. No. 0816-2270735**
Cell No. 98867 93535 / 944808353

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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಸಆ/**10/2022–23** ದಿನಾಂಕ: **24–11–2022**

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ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್‌ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರುರವರು ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಕಡೂರು, ಕೊಪ್ಪ, ನ.ರಾ.ಪುರ, ಶೃಂಗೇರಿ ಮತ್ತು ತರೀಕೆರೆ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಗರಿಷ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 65.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕನಿಷ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 7.50 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಅಥವಾ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿರುವ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ **Standard Tender Document KW-1 & 3** ರಂತೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಲಗತ್ತಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿದ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 24–11–2022 ರಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08–12–2022 ರವರೆಗೆ ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಮತ್ತು ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10–12–2022 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಈ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಆಕಸ್ಮಿಕ ರಜಾ ದಿನಗಳು ಬಂದಲ್ಲಿ ಮರು ದಿನವನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಓದಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಷಯ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ತಿಳಿಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Withdrawal of Tender Notices

It is hereby notified to all concerned that the following tenders are hereby with drawn on administrative account

1. Tender invited for Catering Units vide NITB/C.79/GMU/CS/Tender/01/2015 Dated : 09-04-2015.
2. Tender invited for Vegetarian Refreshment Room at Bangarapet vide NITB/C.79/Catg./VRR/BWT/2015 Dated : 26-08-2015.
3. Tender invited for Fruit & Fruit Juice Stalls at Bengaluru City Railway Station vide NIT B/C.79/Fruit & Fruit Juice Stalls /A1/2015 Dated : 23-01-2015.

Tenderers who had submitted their offer in response to the above Tender Notice/s are hereby requested to submit a requisition to this office for refund of EMD

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager
PUB/511/AAD/PRB/SWR/2022-23 **Bengaluru**

S.W.Railways SWRRLY SWRRLY

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas our client, **Mr. Jagdeesh Prasad K,** S/o Mr. Krishna M., aged about 60 years, residing at: 229D, 4th cross, Penn Field Gardens, Telecom Layout, Srirampura, Jakkur Post, Bangalore-560064, intends to purchase the immovable property described in the schedule herein below from the owners of the said property – Smt. Pramila and Smt. Annapoorna, the absolute owners of the Schedule Property, on or after 10/12/2022. If any member of the general public has any objection to the said sale transaction, they are hereby put to notice to send their written objections to the undersigned by post to reach them on or before **09/12/2022.** Non-receipt of any objections shall be deemed to be approval of the sale transaction by the general public and no claim shall be entertained at a later date.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the dry agricultural land bearing Sy.No.176/2, measuring 2 Acres 28 Guntas, situated at Kodagurki Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District and bounded by:

East by : Government Road;
West by : Property in Sy.Nos.175;
North by : Property in Sy.No.176/1; and
South by : Property in Sy.No.176/3.

M/S SANCTUM LAW, Advocates,
004 and 005, Raheja Chambers,
No.12, Museum Cross Road,
Bangalore- 560 001, +91-9751317297.

CHOLAMANDALAM INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMPANY LIMITED

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Corporate Office: 1st Floor, 'Dare House', No.2, N.S.C. Bose Road, Chennai - 600 001
Branch Address : Municipal No.45, (Old Nos. 45& 45/1), Second Floor, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore - 560 027
Branch Address : No.74/22, HV Arcade, 2nd Floor, Sy No. 751/2, Bagalur Road, Hosur - 635109

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13[2] OF THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

You, the under mentioned Borrowers / Mortgagors is hereby informed that the company has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and that the Notice under 13 (2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post Ack. Due for Borrower/s has been returned undelivered. Hence, you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned against the said account with interest accruing there from within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the company will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub-Sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and costs. It is needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the company.

Sl. No.	Loan Account No. & Name and Address of the Borrower/s	Loan Amount	Date of Demand Notice & Amount Outstanding
1.	**Loan Account No. HE01GAL00000009316** 1. **Gayathri** (Wife) Legal Heir of Shivakumar V 2. **Chaitra** (Daughter) Legal Heir of Shivakumar V 3. **Chethan** (Son) Legal Heir of Shivakumar V Represented By Its Mother (Gayathri) **All are residing at:** No.04, 3rd Main Road, 2nd Cross, Near Maruthi Temple, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560 091. 4. **Gayathri Poultry Farm,** Sy No.38, Devamachohalli, Tavarekere, Bangalore, Karnataka - 562 130.	**Rs.28,00,000/-**	**24/11/2022 Rs.28,42,426/- as on 24-11-2022** with further interest thereon.
	Schedule of Property: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.4, Katha No.3469, Khanesumari No.3569, Situated at Sunkadakatte Village, SrigandhakavalDhakale, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore, presently within the limits of BBMP, and bounded on East by: Site No.5, West by: Site No.3, North by: Property belongs to Ramanna, South by: Road, Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 40 feet, in all measuring 1200 Square feet, along with Building Constructed thereon. Within the Registration District of Bangalore and Sub registration Office.		
2.	**Loan Account No. X0HEHOR00002510315** 1. **Nataraja N 2.Mani M, All residing at:** No.251-A, A-Block, Sai Nagar, Sy No:77/1&77/2, Neralur, Anekal - 562107. **Also at:** No.139, Mandya Ramesh Building, Sai Nagar, Attibele Hobli, Anekal,Neralur Village, Bangalore - 562107. 3 **M/s. Sri Lakshmi Venkateshwara Hardware** No 1, Raghunath Reddy Building Neralur Gate, Hosur Main Road, Anekal - 562 107.	**31-07-2018 Rs.56,52,972/-**	**24/11/2022 & Rs.64,13,858/-[as on 24-11-2022** with further interest thereon.
	Schedule of Property: (Property covered under Regd. Sale Deed Document No. 6473/2014-15 date 24.11.2014 of SRO Attibele) All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No. 251A, in A Block, Phase-1, Sai Nagar, out of Khata No. 364, as per form 11B Property No. 150200101500600398, formed in residentially converted land bearing Survey No. 77/1 &77/2, (which has been converted from Agricultural to Non-Agricultural Residential Purpose by the Order No. B.DIS.ALN(A)SR34/ 1994-95 dated: 15.03.1995 and No. B,DIS.ALN.SR(A)36/ 1994-95 dated 17.02. 1995, passed by the Special Deputy Commissioner of Bangalore District), under the name and style of SAI Nagar, situated at Neraluru Village, AttibeleHobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring, East toWest on North and South Side 30 feet, North to South on the East and West Side: 40 feet totally measuring an extent of 1200 square feet and bounded as follows:- East by : Site No.251, West by: Canal, North by :Road, South by: Site No.276A, In the midst above said land.		

Date: 27.11.2022 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **For Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Limited**

SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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T N. No. 172/2022.Dt.25.11.2022
SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS

e-procurement Tender Notice

The following, Tenders have Been floated online. Tenderers are requested to visit the website **www.ireps.gov.in** and submit their offers online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD may be seen in website. offers submitted manually will not be accepted, Offers by post will not be entertained, Tender Closing time is 14:30 hrs of the Due date of the Tender. "For all indigenous offers, EMD will be accepted only via online system as available on **www.ireps.gov.in**

Tender No	Brief Description
LN221746	Set of 120 Ah VRLA batteries
LY225017D	LIQUID MEDICAL OXYGEN GAS
30.22.3444A	Polymer Buffer Spring
65.22.5043	Design,manufacture supply installation
60.22.9004	Rate Contract for Metal Liners
60.22.5059	Procurement of Hydraulic pumps
60.22.5356	Procurement of Broom Element,
45.22.1004B	Brushless Alternator 25KW.110V
77.22.1024	Paint Synthetic Enamel
29.22.1100A	Modified Single Duct Leather
56.22.7001A	24 OFC
45.22.1192B	4.5.KW Under Slung
30.22.3442B	Head stock Assly
75.22.1348	Flexible poly vinyal Chloride
56.22.1006A	30 Corex1.5 Sq.mm.
38.22.1006B	LOCK BOLT
77.22.1010	Enamel Synthetic Exterior
60.22.5066	Procurement of SENSOR, HARNESS
38.22.1025D	Top side bearer

Note: Due dates of Tender Opening: SL.No.01 on dt.05.12.2022.SL.No 02 on dt.12.12.2022.SL.No. 03 on dt. 13.12.2022.SL.No.04 on dt 15.12.2022.SLNo.05 to 09 on dt. 19.12.2022.SLNo.10 & 11 on dt. 20.12.2022SL.No.12&13 on dt. 21.12.2022.SL.No.14 to 16 on dt. 22.12.2022.SL.No.17 & 18 on dt. 27.12.2022.SL.No19 on dt. 28.12.2022

CORRIGENDUM

Tender Notice No.169/2022 Dt.04.11.2022.Tender No **45.22.1073A.**Brief Description: Set of 120 Ah VRLA batteries Due on 22.11.2022.Tender No. May be read as .Due on **28.11.2022** Instead of existing.

Beside Above Mentioned Tenders There Are Other Tenders Having Value Below Rs.25 Lakhs. For Details, Please Visit Railway Website Above.

Principal Chief Materials
A1392 **Manager, Secunderabad**

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

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RAILWAY ELECTRIFICATION, LUCKNOW

Tender No. RE/LKO/S28225161 **OPEN E-TENDER NOTICE** **Closing Dt. 21/12/2022 at 11.00 Hrs.**

Open E Tender in single bid system is invited by the Dy. Chief Material Manager, Railway Electrification, Lucknow for & on behalf of the President of India for the supply of following item:-

T.No. 28225161

i	**Description**	Supply, Installation, testing & commissioning of Block Proving by Digital Axle Counter using UFSBI for single line operation as per IRS Specification No. IRS: S- 105/2012 (ver.0) or latest amendment. This consist of (1) UFSBI and Block Panel for single line operation. (2) MODEM compitable with UFSBI system. (For secondary/backup media) (3) Automatic media changeover of modems working on redundant channels for data transmission on OFC/ Quad for UFSBI. Universal Fail Safe Block Inter face (UFSBI) & Block panel for single line operation as per details below; i) Universal fail-safe Block interface (UFSBI) as per RDSO spcn. No. RDSO/SPN/147/2005 or latest amendment ii) SM Panel RDSO Drg. No. RDSO/S/32019 (Tentative). Iii) Relay rack with due locking and sealing arrangement as per RDSO Drg. No. RDSO/S/32020 including relays for each relays rack (QN1- 22 Nos., QNA-06 Nos., QL1-02 Nos. & Timer – 1 No.) Qty-02 nos. INFORMATION BY PURCHASER (As per para 15.0 of IRS spn No. IRS:s-105/2012 ver.0) 15.1 Requirement – for SINGLE LINE BLOCK 15.2 Communication media from station to station – OFC & Quad both 15.3 Distance between Block panel & relay rack – 25 to 30 mtrs & Type of cable between them – 6 Quad cable 15.4 Any other information, as deemed fit-nil
ii	**Qty**	04 Pairs
iii	**Approximate Cost**	₹4782879.96
iv	**Earnest Money**	₹95660
v	**Inspection**	RDSO
vi	**Validity of Offer**	90 Days
vii	**Delivery Schedule**	Delivery to commence within 01 Day after issue of contract and to be completed within 60 Days thereafter.

1.The cost of Earnest money deposit through net Banking, debit Card,Credit card or payment gateway only as per payment option available in **http://www.ireps.gov.in** web site. Payment in any other form shall not be accepted. 2.For other details and download the entire Tender Paper, please visit website **http://www.ireps.gov.in 3.** Manual offers are not allowed against this tender and any such manual offer received shall be ignored. **4.** Railway reserve the right to accept/reject any or all tenders without assigning reasons to any or all tenderers. **5.**IRS Conditions of Contract: The Contract shall be governed by latest version (along with all correction slips) of IRS conditions of Contract, and all other terms and conditions incorporated in the tender documents.

Dy. Chief Material Manager
Railway Electrification, Lucknow
For & on behalf of the President of India

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Karnataka Government
(Urban Department)
District Urban Development Cell
Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar

E-Mail:dudcchamarajanagar@gmail.com, Ph No.08226-223761

No:DUDC/Street light/CR/11/2018-19 **Date:22.11.2022.**

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION(Call-3)
(Through e-procurement portal only)

The Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar invites tenders from the Companies registered under companies registration Act 1956, Class-1 Electrical Contractors Registered at Public Works Deportment/Electrical inspectorate of State and Central Government for supply and replacement of existing conventional Street Lights by LED Street Lights and to establish Centralized Control and monitor system for the operation and maintenance of street lighting system with assured energy savings in the 05 ULBs viz CMC, Chamarajanagar, Kollegal, TMC Gundlupet and TP Yelandur & Hanur of Chamarajanagar District Karnataka through E-Procurement Portal interested bidders who wish to participate can download the tender form, submit the tenders through **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on payment of necessary tender fee and earnest money deposit in the form prescribed in the E-Procurement and tender document. (Amount put to Tender is 22.93 Crores, E.M.D. Amount 22.93 Lakhs)

I) E-Procurement Indent No. DUDC/STREET LIGHTS/CR/11/2018-19/Call-3
2) Availability of tender documents up to 17:00 hours on 26.12.2022
3) Pre-Bid meeting is scheduled on 30.11.2022 at 15:00 hours at #127, District Urban Development Cell, Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Chamarajanagar District.
4) Last date for submission of tenders upto 17:00 hours on 26.12.2022
5) Technical bid open on 17:00 hours on 27.12.2022
6) for further details go through tender document or contact Office of the Project Director, District Urban Development Cell, DC Office, Chamajarajanagar

Sd/- Deputy Commissioner,
Chamarajanagar District, Chamarajanagar

DIPR:CHANAGAR:431:2022:23

HDFC Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION LTD. CIN L70100MH1977PLC019916

Regd. Office: Ramon House, H T Parekh Marg, 169, Backbay Reclamation, Churchgate, Mumbai- 400020
Regional Office : HDFC House, No.51, Kasturaba Road, Bangalore - 560001. **Ph :** 080 41183000
Fax: 080 22275754, **E-mail : customer.service@hdfc.com**, **Website:** www.hdfc.com

E- AUCTION SALE NOTICE (Sale through e-bidding only)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules,2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) indicated in Column (A) that the below described immovable property(ties) described in Column (C) mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive / physical possession of which has been taken as described in column (D) by the Authorized Officer of **Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC Ltd)** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is","As is what is", and "Whatever there is"** as per the details mentioned below :

Notice is hereby given to Borrower / Mortgagor(s) / legal heirs, legal representatives (whether known or unknown), executor(s), administrator(s), successor(s) and assign(s) of the respective Borrower(s) / Mortgagor(s)(since deceased), as the case may be, indicated in Column (A) under **Rule 8(6)** of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in **Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited (HDFC Ltd) Secured Creditor's website i.e. www.HDFC.Com**

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E&F)	(G)
SI	**Name/s of Borrower(s)/ Mortgager(s)/ Guarantor(s)/**	**Outstanding dues to be recovered (Secured Debt) (Rs.)***	**Description of the Immovable Property / Secured Asset (1 Sq. mtr. is equivalent to 10.76 Sq.ft)**	**Type of Possession**	**Reserve Price (Rs.) ---------- Earnest Money Deposit (Rs)**	**Date of Auction and Time**
1	**1) Kumari. Sejal D/o Mr. Yugesh Talati (Borrower) [Since Deceased) & D/o Mrs. Mamatha N Yadav (Co-Borrower) [Since deceased 2) Mrs. Leelavathi M/o Mr. Yugesh Talati (Borrower) [Since Deceased) & Mother in Law of Mrs. Mamatha N Yadav (Co-borrower) [Since deceased] 3) And Other known and unknown Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. Yugesh Talati (Borrower) [Since Deceased) & Mrs. Mamatha N Yadav (Co-borrower) [Since deceased]**	**Rs.21,65,050/- in Loan Account No.620364558 and Rs.4,76,322/- in Loan Account No.646664753 totally accruing to Rs.26,41,372/-** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Forty One Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy Two Only) due as on **28.02.2022**	All that piece and parcel of a **Two Bedroom Residential Apartment** bearing **No. SUN-II-5D-901 (Property No. 150200302601002922)** on the **Ninth Floor in the "5D" Block** of the residential apartment complex known as **"PROVIDENT SUNWORTH"** having a carpet area of **632 square feet** (which is inclusive of balconies and utilityspace), or/a plinth/built up area of **730 square feet** (which is inclusive of balconies, utility space and walls of the apartments) and proportionate common area of **153 square feet** together with an exclusive right to use the limited common facility of one open car parking facility and an undivided **0.015% (Zero Point Zero One Five Percent)** share **(equivalent to 313.12 square feet)** right, share and title in the land on which the apartment complex is constructed, which is situated on the land bearing Survey Numbers **1 to 26** of Venkatapura Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (presently under H. Gollahalli Gram panchayat having Katha No. 150200302601000009).	**Physical Possession**	**Rs.40,00,000/- (Rupees Forty Lakhs Only) Rs.4,00,000/- (Rupees Only)**	**29.12.2022 12.00 PM TO 12.30 PM**

1. Inspection Date & Time: 02.12.2022 and 09.12.2022 between 11.AM TO 4.PM
2. Minimum bid increment amount: Rs. 20,000/-
3. EMD Amount Submission on or before : 27.12.2022 (Before 5.00 PM)

***together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. incurred up to the date of payment and / or realisation thereof.**
For any assistance related to inspection of the property, or for obtaining the Bid document and for any other queries, please get in touch with Mr.Yogesh.N/Shridhar Chinni official of HDFC Limited through Tel No.080-41182283, 080-41182126/ 9449080072 and 7795853045
To the best of knowledge and information of the Authorized Officer of HDFC Ltd, there are no encumbrances in respect of the above immovable properties / Secured Assets.

Date: 27.11.2022 **For Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd.**
Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorized Officer under SARFAESI Act, 2002**

Indian Overseas Bank

East End Main Road Branch, 42/166, East End Main Road, Jayanagar, 9th Block, Bangalore-560069.

POSSESSION NOTICE
Under (Rule 8(1)) of SARFAESI Act, 2002

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Indian Overseas Bank** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a **demand notice dated 16-08-2022** calling upon the borrower/ Mortgagor/Guarantors: **1) Mrs. Shruthi R (Borrower/Mortgagor),** 174, 9th Cross, 29th Main, BTM, IInd Stage, Bangalore-560076 & **2) Mr. Purushothama H (Borrower/Mortgagor),** 174, 9th Cross, 29th Main BTM, IInd Stage, Bangalore-560076 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.57,38,741.59 (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty One and Paise Fifty Nine Only)** as on 16-08-2022 with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc till date of realisation within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has **taken possession** of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **25th day of November of the Year 2022.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Indian Overseas Bank,** for an amount **Rs.57,38,741.59 (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty One and Paise Fifty Nine Only)** as on 16.08.2022 with interest thereon at contractual rates and rests as agreed, charges etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the Demand notice till date of payment less repayments, if any, made after issuance of Demand Notice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is **Rs.54,74,623.59 (Rupees Fifty Four Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Three and Paise Fifty Nine only)** payable with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc., till date of payment.

The borrowers attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets. Sub-Clause (8) of this clause provides.

"Where the amount of dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by him is tendered to the secured creditor at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets:-

(i) the secured assets shall not be transferred by way of lease assignment or sale by the secured creditor; and
(ii) in case, any step has been taken by the secured creditor for transfer by way of lease or assignment or sale of the assets before tendering of such amount under this sub-section, no further step shall be taken by such secured creditor for transfer by way of lease or assignment or sale of such secured assets".

Description of the Immovable Property

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The ambition should always be to play an elegant game

Pele, Brazilian footballer

TAXING AGRI INCOME IS FOOD FOR THOUGHT

OPINION

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SOME issues, groups and individuals become so embedded as Holy Cows that even a reasoned debate is impossible. Anyone who dares to dispute the notion that Mahatma Gandhi is the Father of the Nation gets bombarded with a volley of derogatory labels.

Any criticism of the armed forces in India makes you travel beyond the pale. Firmly ensconced in this category is the notion that the Indian farmer is the annadata whose sweat and tears feed 1.4 billion Indians. So deeply held is this view that even the venerable Supreme Court virtually gave a free pass to farmers protesting the now-repealed farm laws who blockaded Delhi for about a year in 2021. In such a scenario, even a suggestion that Section 10(1) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 be abolished would sound like a double dose of heresy and blasphemy. Yet, 31 years after the Indian economy got the first whiff of 'market-friendly' winds, perhaps the time has come to re-examine this particular Holy Cow.

Shorn of jargon, Section 10(1) of the Income Tax Act, 1961 stipulates that no income tax will be imposed on agricultural income. In effect, all Indian farmers are automatically exempt from income tax. Despite claims of simplification, income tax rules are so obtuse that even chartered accountants sometimes struggle with the details.

Three definitions of income from agriculture are hidden in all the jargon and details: any rent or revenue from agricultural land within India, any income derived from the processing of any agricultural produce in the said land, and any income attributable to a farmhouse subject to "conditions". This has enabled about 12 crore farmers to escape the dreaded dragnet of income tax.

This also explains the 'mystery' of merely 5.63 crore Indian citizens (out of 140 crores) filing income tax returns in 2021-22. This also explains why India reports a very low tax-to-GDP ratio among all major economies worldwide despite complaints of high tax incidence.

This needs to change and immediately. Farmers, like all citizens, must pay income tax. If armed forces personnel (the other twin in the Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan narrative) can sacrifice their lives defending the country and still pay income tax, why can't the annadatas pay the same?

Beyond such rhetorical questions, there are two reasons why it is high time income tax was imposed on farmers. The first is equity; the second is justice.

Let us look first at equity. There would be howls of protest about how an income tax will further impoverish and burden the Indian farmers who struggle against unfavourable terms of trade. Fair point.

But the fact is that more than 90% of Indian farmers would automatically be out of any income tax bracket because of their incomes.

According to official data, more than 86% of Indian farmers own less than two hectares of land. Together, they own just about 47.3% of the crop area. This massive cohort earns barely enough to make two ends meet and invariably supplements family income with other activities. More than ten crore Indian farmers will be out of the tax bracket. That leaves about 1.5 crore farmers who own more than two hectares of land. Even in this cohort, a majority will not pay income tax as even an inept chartered accountant knows that thanks to exemptions, Indians earning about ₹8 lakh a year need not pay income tax.

At best, about 50 lakh prosperous farmers in the country who drive SUVs and live in air-conditioned luxury will pay income tax. That sounds fair by any yardstick of equity.

More important is justice. Since agriculture income doesn't attract income tax, virtually every rich Indian becomes a 'farmer'. Note how income attributable to a 'farmhouse' is exempt from income tax provisions. A few decades ago, the media carried apocryphal stories of the responses of the then Bihar Chief Minister Rabri Devi to income tax sleuths. She appeared to have claimed that the ₹4 to ₹5 crore in "unexplained" income came from milk produced by buffaloes at her residence. It would be unfair to single out Rabri Devi for this mockery of justice. Tens of millions of rich Indians- politicians, entrepreneurs, film and sports stars, lawyers, doctors, architects, chartered accountants-have all become annadatas because of this "deliberately" placed loophole in the rules. There has never been a reliable or reasonably accurate study and estimate of how much income in India escapes the tax dragnet because of this annadata fixation. Given the size of India's GDP (about $3.5 trillion in 2021-22), even a 5% rate of legal evasion means a loss of $175 billion.

Thanks to digitisation and a vastly improved information architecture, income tax collections have improved dramatically over the last decade. Income tax collections in 2011-12 were estimated at ₹1.93 lakh crores. The figure is expected to be about ₹8 Lakh crores in the current financial year. Yet, the tax-to-GDP ratio of about 11% is way below the average for OECD economies at 34% and even for major emerging markets like Brazil (31%) and South Africa (24%). There is little doubt that "farmhouses" have played a role in this.

That should provide food for thought even to farmers.

GANDHIS NEED CONTRARIANS, NOT CONFORMISTS

POWER & POLITICS

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ROYALTY doesn't like to be outshined. When Louis VIII, the Sun King of France who built Versailles, visited the magnificent mansion of his finance minister, Marquis Nicolas Fouquet, he was incensed that a courtier should own a palace grander than the king's. Fouquet was immensely popular in court and with the people, which angered the monarch. Louis decided that the minister had stolen money from the treasury, and soon Fouquet found himself in jail and his property confiscated by Louis. There is a lesson in this for Shashi Tharoor, the urbane Congress MP who, by omission, looted the party's treasury, whose sole wealth is the Gandhi political currency.

Genetics and leadership aren't credible companions. The Congress myth that genes play a complementary role in the making of its leader has demolished numerous leaders with pedigree. The delusion is that a Gandhi alone can bring *Acche Din* to the party's rained-out fortunes. As a result, no new winnable Congress leaders who can also get others to win elections have emerged. As the winning capacity of the Gandhis wanes, its hypersycophantic megaphones are out in force to silence anyone who seems to threaten their mascots' fading charisma. For the past few weeks, the encyclopedic Tharoor has been the target of the wrath of the Congress. The 66-year-old MP is being ostracised for contesting against 80-year-old Mallikarjun Kharge. Tharoor's unforgivable sin in the eyes of the Gandhis is garnering over 1,000 votes out of 9,000-plus polled, which no other rebel candidate has ever got in Congress history. Rhodes scholar Tharoor, a historian by education, a diplomat by profession and an intellectual by predilection, who has authored over two dozen books, is a hardcore Nehruvian in action and ideology. He can explain the Congress political manual to domestic and international audiences in a better language than anyone in the Rahul cabal. Born in England to an upper-class Nair family, he speaks English as well or even better than Malayalam. Despite past personal controversies, he is the darling of the youth and won the Lok Sabha election thrice from Thiruvananthapuram. He was a minister in Manmohan Singh's cabinet. But after he threw down the election gauntlet, his party men now boycotted all his functions. Though Sonia ostensibly gave him permission to stand against Kharge, Tharoor's own state leaders treat him like a pariah. Tharoor's was an ideological plunge to show that the Congress was open to the democratic traditions of its founders. But his blackballing reflects that the fourth Nehru-Gandhi generation won't re-engineer or discover its lost heritage. It is only interested in promoting Rahul's Yatra to rediscover himself.

A Gandhi's position in the Congress can't be altered by the outcome of a guided democratic process. For a 137-year-old party, the chief's election was multifariously significant. First, ward off criticism that it hasn't held internal elections in the past two decades. Second, no Gandhi was in the race for the top job. Until Independence, the Congress was run by a phalanx of powerful national and regional leaders. Collective leadership ensured its electoral victories. Nehru was undoubtedly its public face. But he became the father of dynastic succession after getting his daughter Indira Gandhi elected as Congress president in 1959 when she was just 40. Today, the Gandhis may have earned temporary credibility by holding the party president's poll. But they continue to follow the footsteps of patriarch Moti Lal Nehru who groomed son Jawaharlal for the Congress leadership and then carried on the family legacy by leveraging daughter Indira a strong foothold in the Congress. Indira as prime minister and party president decimated regional satraps in her own party and continued the family tradition of inducting progeny into politics. First, Sanjay Gandhi called the shots in the party and government by appointing AICC members and CMs. After Indira's assassination, Rajiv became Prime Minister and Congress President and followed the template. After Rajiv's death, Sonia refused to be politically involved initially, keeping both Rahul and Priyanka away from the cruel limelight that took away her beloved mother in law and husband. However, she and her lickspittles unceremoniously ousted subsequent party bosses P V Narasimha Rao and Sitaram Kesri. After Sonia became Congress boss, no party election was held for the next 19 years. Though she refused to become PM in 2004, her iron grip on the party remained intact. Following family practice, she made her son Rahul general secretary, then Congress Vice President and subsequently party president in 2017. When he quit after the party's 2019 rout, Sonia became president again, hoping Rahul would come around. After he refused, she backed Kharge, who would keep the seat warm for a Gandhi. He hasn't appointed the Congress Parliamentary Board and postponed CWC elections. He has denied important party positions and responsibilities to Gandhi Parivar's challengers. And he denied Tharoor a place in the 47 member panel to manage party affairs.

The truth is that Shashi Tharoor is an outsider. He doesn't owe his rise to a godfather or an omniscient parent. His son isn't in politics. He is perhaps the only Congress leader with independent prominence and fandom. Such is Kharge's fear of Tharoor's honorificabilitudinitatibus that the MP has been dropped from the star campaigners list for the upcoming state polls. Under the Gandhis' watch, the party forfeited the Centre and most states. They may have lost power, but not the party— trichotillomaniacs who rage at anyone even remotely seen as a challenger. One word that hippopotomonstrosesquipedalian Tharoor, the walking talking Thesaurus of Indian public life, may identify with is antidisestablishmentarianism because his conduct indicates a belief in the separation of church and state—the cornerstone of democracy. Like the Sun King, the Gandhis demand malleable court jesters, not charismatic outsiders. Dynasty is nasty, and Tharoor has become a victim of his own independence. History's allegories are atavistic; the Sun King's descendant, Louis XVI was overthrown and executed by French revolutionaries along with his queen, Marie Antoinette. Is Tharoor contesting the Congress election the beginning of a revolution? Is the rule of the Gandhis awaiting the metaphoric guillotine of public disapproval? Will Rahul's Yatra, hyped by the Gandhi Congress, become the tonic of redemption and revival the dynasty desperately needs as Sonia ages? The answer awaits in 2024 when Rahul will take on Modi, the nemesis of the Gandhis. Shashi Tharoor, never a courtier, may have the last laugh.

WHAT'S SOUTH CINEMA DOING RIGHT

OPINION

NAMRATA JOSHI
Consulting Editor

JAI Shankar Aryar's Kannada language debut Shivamma is a small, unassuming film—about a poor, illiterate woman's indomitable entrepreneurial spirit—that won the New Currents Award at the 27th edition of the Busan International Film Festival in South Korea. A notable aspect about the quiet film is that it is backed by Rishab Shetty, the writer-director-actor of Kantara, a film that has shattered box office records, not just in Karnataka but across India, with its mix of folklore and mythology, while also dwelling on contemporary issues like land rights and forest preservation. Last year too, Rishab had struck a fine balance by backing Raj B. Shetty's gripping Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana aka GGVV, a gangster saga with underpinnings of homoeroticism and Natesh Hegde's Pedro, a slice of village life and its entrenched feudalism and fanaticism that bring out the latent beast in humans.

The runaway success of a Kannada filmmaker like Rishab in both the mainstream and arthouse space is in stark contrast to the quagmire that filmmakers in the North have been stuck in. The pandemic has left Hindi cinema in a debilitating impasse—both creative and commercial. On the other hand, the South film industries—Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam—are attracting the masses as well as the cinephiles into their folds, and not just in their respective home turfs. SS Rajamouli, who has captured the imagination of Hollywood, has found his newest admirer in the hard-as-nails Guardian film critic Peter Bradshaw who posted a selfie on Instagram with the director of "the head-bangingly fabulous RRR".

This overwhelming love for the tentpole films—RRR, Kantara, KGF: Chapter 2, Pushpa: The Rise, Ponniyin Selvan: 1, Vikram, Vikrant Rona—and their dubbed versions has offset any minor setbacks suffered by films like Radhe Shyam, Maaran, and Mahaan. A 2019 box office report by Mumbai-based media consulting firm Ormax Media showed Hindi films leading with a 44% share of gross domestic box office in India, but the pandemic years have turned things upside down and the figures for 2022 might narrate a starkly different story—one more in favour of the South.

The success of the multilingual or 'pan-Indian' cinema has not been an overnight phenomenon; it has been gaining ground slowly over the last seven years when Rajamouli's Telugu epic *Baahubali* posted big numbers, and the Hindi version of its sequel in 2017 emerged bigger than any other Hindi language film that year. Films from the South have been steady in their connection with a core audience that hasn't wavered in its faith even during the traumatic pandemic interregnum. In fact, COVID 19 might have, perhaps, left the fans craving for movies. On the other hand, Bollywood has been at the receiving end of a steady disenchantment. While fans of Hindi film stars have been refusing to queue up for the 'first day, first show' of their releases anymore, South cinema has continued to register strong openings.

The South film industry has been able to understand what the common man desired for venturing out to the theatres after the lockdowns — larger-than-life spectacles, entertaining fantasies, escapist fables. Bollywood, on the other hand, has been bringing forth films that have been dull as ditchwater. In two years of the pandemic, the middle class, theatregoing, family audience in the North has been consuming entertainment through streaming platforms while theatres have been getting patronised largely by young men who have found their adrenaline rush in the excesses of Sukumar's Telugu language Pushpa and catharsis in the sound and fury of Prashanth Neel's Kannada actioner KGF: Chapter 2. A big contribution to the success of South cinema has been the fact that the pandemic has forced North viewers to get exposed to OTT platforms and the linguistically and culturally diverse landscape of Indian cinema within it.

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Even for discerning cinephiles, troubled by the patriarchal, uncomfortably masculine world of some South blockbusters, there's refuge in another kind of cinema, like Gautam Ramachandran's Tamil film *Gargi* or Mahesh Narayanan's Malayalam language *Ariyippu*, that are centred on women. These are films where fresh ideas and inventive storytelling have beautifully underscored dilemmas of individuals and complexities of relationships. These are stories Bollywood has forgotten to tell.

The growing disillusionment against Bollywood isn't just about the content. It's also about polarisation and politicisation that has afflicted it for two years, especially following the death of actor Sushant Singh Rajput in 2020 and the consequent narrative of sleaziness, drugs, nepotism, and the boycott culture built around it.

Bollywood has faced repercussions, including a check on budgets, apprehensions about investment, postponement of projects, cancellation of releases... Many actors, directors and writers in Mumbai are now preferring to work on projects for streaming platforms. However, hope remains afloat. With recent films like *Unnchai*, *Drishyam 2* and *Bhediya* showing promise, things could well begin to turn a corner. However, instead of replicating the success of the South cinema as the new formula, it will need to democratise and diversify. A larger, radical overhaul that involves rationalizing budgets, reorienting the star system, and focusing on content creation, will need to go hand in hand. The confidence and conviction in itself will have to help it find a way out.

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QUOTE CORNER

The idea we still allow semi-automatic weapons to be purchased is sick. It's just sick. It has no, no social redeeming value, zero, none. Not a single solitary rationale for it except profits for gun manufacturers. I'm going to try. I'm going to try to get rid of assault weapons

Joe Biden, President of the United States of America

We will never compromise on good governance, the anti-corruption drive, judicial independence and the welfare of ordinary Malaysians.... regardless of race of religion

Anwar Ibrahim, Prime Minister of Malaysia

Putin is part of Stalin's cruel and criminal tradition. Today Russian terror is once again haunting Ukraine. Once again the plan is to use violence and terror to deprive Ukraine of livelihood, to subdue an entire country

Robin Wagener, MP

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Collegium system

Apropos of editorial Collegium system for top appointments can ensure credibility (Nov 26). The Collegium system is the right method for appointment of CEC and EC. Relevant rules should be framed based on the recommendations of the SC bench which has just concluded the hearing of a petition on the subject. Only such candidates who have a minimum of six years before attaining the retirement age of 65 years should be considered. The present routine practice of promoting the existing ECs to CECs should be dispensed with.

N A Joseph, Ettumanoor

Political accountability

Referring your editorial 'Defining public service' (Nov 26), the concerned ministers whether in the central or state government are the real executives of the department overseen by them. All the works executed by the departments are virtually at the unwritten wish and sometimes whims of the concerned ministers. Hence, they must be made accountable for their intended decision, introducing necessary legislation in this respect. This will encourage public servants to work fearlessly entailing sincerity, efficiency and finally the desired development. The present prime minister is undertaking many reforms to achieve efficiency and discipline, it is time that he gives a thought over the matter.

A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

One nation, one poll

Apropos of Questioning the feasibility of one nation, one election (Nov 25). The framers of our constitution perhaps didn't foresee the drawbacks of conducting frequent elections in a big country like ours. It was so far so good till 1967 and after that various permutations and combinations necessitated frequent elections in diverse geographies of the country. Kudos to the opinion columnist for his insightful analysis of the need for one nation, one election phenomenon with a sense of holistic nationalism. If it is made feasible, it would lessen the economic burden to all stakeholders, scuttle the unholy pre-poll and post-poll alliances and provide political stability for effective governance in larger perspective.

Venkat Desikan, Chennai

Level playing field

My sincere gratitude for your expressions on the necessity of one nation, one election. Beautifully comprehended and executed. Especially, the games politicians play to come to power. They do that for serving the nation? For me it is a big no. It is imperative well-meaning political parties should have a level playing field. I am glad to note that you have your faith in Narendra Modi to take a bold call. Let us hope that he would take such a step at an appropriate timef.

A Rajakumar, email

Same-sex marriages

The ball is now in the Centre's court with regard to same-sex marriage. An answer is being sought on such marriages by the Supreme Court in the aftermath of decriminalising consensual sex between same-sex persons. The institution of marriage is all about two different gametes of the same species coming together in playing a responsible and long-term role. Just because the western world is coming up with all sorts of silly experiments, an intelligent, ancient, level-headed society like India, must not be swayed and kill the very tradition and logical growth of civilisation for which India has been the torchbearer to the world.

K V Raghuram, Wayanad

Brutal punishment

It is something more than painful and shocking that a teacher of a basic primary model school in Kanpur drilled the palm of a boy with an electric drilling machine for not reciting mathematical tables. The role of teachers, especially of those taking classes for such kids, is supposed to be more human and affectionate. Teaching is not a profession but a noble service and vocation. The guilty teacher should be booked and punished sternly.

E Sethuramalingam, Kollam

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
What happened in Gujarat in 2002 hurt the country and must not be repeated. It being held as a "model" speaks volumes of the nature of this govt.

Dhananjay Munde @dhananjay_munde
In spite of this, it is outrageous that the State Public Service Commission has excluded the subject of History of Maharashtra from the syllabus.

Mayawati @Mayawati
With poverty and backwardness prevalent in the country, the working people, suffering from inflation and unemployment, curse the govt every day.

Congress deputes Venugopal to quell 'rebellion in Raj'

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

WITH the Bharat Jodo Yatra entering Rajasthan in the first week of December, the Congress has turned into a damage control mode by deputing AICC General Secretary K C Venugopal to douse the rebellion between Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and his former deputy Sachin Pilot.

According to sources, Venugopal will be traveling to the desert state on November 29 to hold meetings with the members of the committees formed for the Rajasthan leg of Bharat Jodo Yatra, in which both Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot will also be present. Venugopal will also be reviewing the preparations and arrangements for the Yatra.

Sources said that the party leadership realized that it will be too late if it doesn't intervene in the leadership issue before the yatra enters the state. The leadership has been dragging its feet on the long-standing tussle between both leaders. The party is hoping that Venugopal, the most trusted aide of the Gandhis will be able to buy a temporary truce between the two.

In September, Venugopal had said that the resolution of the leadership question in Rajasthan will come out in 2 to 3 days," after the unrest erupted in the party after Gehlot refused to resign from the CM post to contest for the Congress President post.

Gehlot, in a recent TV interview had repeatedly called Pilot a traitor and levelled allegations that he colluded with the BJP to topple the government. In response, Pilot called the CM insecure and asked him to work together to bring unity in the party. "Pilot cannot be made CM, nobody will accept him. I will not accept him," Gehlot said. After Geohot's outburst, Congress senior leader Jairam Ramesh called for resolving differences between the two. "Ashok Gehlot is a senior and experienced political leader. Whatever differences he has expressed with his younger colleague Shri Sachin Pilot will be resolved in a manner that strengthens the Congress Party," he said in a statement.

One senior leader told this newspaper that the party cannot afford to lose the state, which is heading for Assembly elections next year.

Need to bolster India as mother of democracy: PM

'Be it individuals or institutions, our duties are our first priority'

SHRUTI KAKKAR @New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Chief Justice of India Justice D Y Chandrachud during the Constitution Day celebrations in the Supreme Court in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on the occasion of Constitution Day urged for further strengthening the identity of India as the mother of democracy. The Constitution Day is celebrated every year on 26th November to commemorate the adoption of the Constitution of India by the Constituent Assembly in 1949.

Speaking at the Constitution Day event organised by the Supreme Court on Saturday he added that be it individuals or institutions, our duties are our first priority.

Laying emphasis on the nation completing 75 years of Independence, Modi while terming Amrit Kaal as 'Kartavya Kaal' said that our duty as the country embarks on journey for the next 25 years of development should be first and foremost towards the nation as our country. Underling that country can attain new heights of development by following one's "kartavya path" he said, "The Azadi Ka Amrit Kaal is the time for duty towards the country."

Informing that India will attain the G20 Presidency in a week's time, Modi laid emphasis on the need to promote prestige and reputation of the country in the world as a team. "It is our collective responsibility", he added, "The identity of India as the mother of democracy needs to be further strengthened."

Underlining youth centric spirit, Modi stressed on the need to make the youth aware about the Constitution of India for better understanding of topics such as Equality and Empowerment. PM Modi recalled the time when our Constitution was being drafted and the circumstances that stood before the country. He said, "What happened in the debates of the Constituent Assembly at that time, our youth should be aware of all these topics." Highlighting the role played by women members of the Constituent Assembly such as Dakshayani Velayudhan Durgabai Deshmukh, Hansa Mehta and Rajkumari Amrit Kaur and other women members, the PM lamented that their significant contribution towards the nation is rarely discussed.

'CONSTITUTION FACES EXISTENTIAL CRISIS'

NEW DELHI: Launching a scathing attack against the BJP government, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said that the Constitution, which has successfully stood the test of time for over seven decades, faces an existential crisis for the spirit behind its text. "This crisis finds its roots in the RSS's ever-expanding reach within state institutions and the electoral (and by extension judicial) legitimacy of its ideology, with the BJP being in power since 2014. The government has completely surrendered itself and its institutions to the diktats of the RSS, an outfit that pushes hateful propaganda under the garb of social service," he said.

SWAMI SHRADDHANAND

THE PATHOLOGICAL LIAR WHO BURIED HIS WIFE ALIVE

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

SOURAV ROY

May 28, 1991, Shakereh Namazie - the granddaughter of Dewan of Mysore, Sir Mirza Ismail was buried alive by her husband Shraddhanand alias Murali Manohar Misra in the backyard of her house — 81, Richmond Road, Bengaluru after he laced her morning tea with sedatives. He was for long eyeing her property and committed the crime to usurp it.

An ordinary, short-but-broad-built man Shraddhanand was an errands-running boy with the erstwhile family of Begum of Rampur, UP, who through his gift-of-the-gab and clever maneuverings, had risen to the rank of an accountant of the former royal household. He was handling their tax and property matters.

Shakereh, who was earlier married to her cousin — an IFS officer and diplomat to Iran, Akbar Khaleeli — met Shraddhanand during a family visit to the Begum of Rampur in Delhi in 1982. Shraddhanand, who is said to have a degree in law, by then, had developed some knowledge in property and tax matters of the former royal estates.

Shakereh had inherited a lot of property from her mother Gauhar Namazie and through her marriage, and was on the look-out for someone who could manage it for her. On her invitation, Shraddhanand came down to Bengaluru and weaved his way into the heart of Shakereh.

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For him, the timing was perfect. Khaleeli was posted to Iran post the Islamic Revolution. Shakereh stayed back in Bengaluru with their four daughters when Shraddhanand came down and started living in a portion of their sprawling mansion on Richmond Road. He soon won her trust, and in no time, began to play upon her alleged desire to have a son.

He reportedly claimed to have possessed occult powers and donned the honorific title of 'Swami Shraddhanand.'

According to court records, Shradhananda started helping Shakereh resolve property issues, and soon the two got into a relationship.

In 1985, on Khaleeli's return to India Shakereh divorced him, a husband of of 21 years, and married Shraddhanand on April 17, 1986. In 1987, he managed to get power of attorney over his wife's property. For him, it was a marriage of convenience. He was eyeing Shakereh's property and exploited her vulnerability.

What annoyed him was that she continued being close to her daughters and mother. He saw that as a threat to his nefarious plans of taking over his wife's property worth hundreds of crores.

There were radical differences between the two. Shakereh in every sense was blue-blooded, a beauty and epitome of grace and poise. Shraddhanand had built his legacy on craft and manipulation. Soon, differences cropped up between them. And in 1991, he decided to eliminate her. He got a wooden casket measuring 2x7x2, claiming that he would keep the antiques and ornaments safely in it. He then hired some labourers to dig a 'tank pit' in the courtyard, behind their bedroom. On May 28, 1991, he laced Shakereh's morning tea with sleeping tablets, and put her in the casket and buried her alive in the backyard of her house. A pathological liar, he lied to Shakereh and Khaleeli's second daughter Sabah, who filed a missing complaint in June 1992 with the Ashoknagar police station after she was done with Shraddhanand's lies about her mother's whereabouts. The murder case was cracked by then constable Veeraiah, who got the first strong leads from two youths, who were working in Shakereh's house after he befriended them over liquor. They gave the story away.

Shraddhanand was convicted and sentenced to death by the Sessions court in Bengaluru in 2000. The Karnataka High Court in September 2005 upheld his death sentence. In 2008, the larger bench of the SC commuted death sentence to life imprisonment without remission. In 2011, Shraddhanand, who was lodged in in the Central Prison at Parappana Agrahara, Bengaluru, was transferred to Bhopal Central prison in MP — his home state — on his request.

Shraddhanand, now 83, is lodged in Sagar Central Prison, MP. He is said to be medically fit and is doing what he is best at, playing godman. He teaches jail inmates yoga and conducts spiritual classes, said sources. He has reappeared in the spotlight now with his appeal to the SC for release seeking parity with the seven Rajiv Gandhi assassination case convicts, who were recently released on grounds of "good conduct."

Army fast-tracks induction of modern weapons for deployment along LAC

MAYANK SINGH @New Delhi

THE process to add capabilities to the Indian Army, to not just stop the drones, remotely piloted aircraft and copters from across the Line of Actual Control, is going ahead in fast mode. Also, anti-drone systems and loitering munitions to hit the high value targets have been included in the Emergency Procurement with the Requests for Proposal (RFP) drafted in the month of November.

Starting with the technical and commercial proposal for 10 sets of the Aerial Targeting System along with the 120 loiter munitions issued on November 18, the Army has come out with the RFP for procurement of 180 Canister-Launched Anti-Armour Loiter Munition (CALM) Systems with Accessories on November 22.

The Chinese have deployed armour vehicles, tanks and mechanized infantry vehicles, into the valleys at various locations along the 3,488 km long Line of Actual Control.

To match the Chinese infrastructure India has been building its bridge, road and air network for the fast mibilisation of the troops.

The Army issued the RFP for procurement of Nine Integrated Drone Detection and Interdiction System (Improved Version). An RFP was issued for it also on November 22.

RECENT PROCUREMENTS

In order to boost its operational readiness, Indian Army has taken a weapons procurement route

SEPTEMBER
₹300 crore purchase from domestic defence industry by Indian Army was reported. Key weapons: Guns, missiles, drones, counter-drone systems, loitering ammunition, communication and optical systems, specialist vehicles and engineering equipment

OCTOBER
Request for proposal (RFP) was issued by defence ministry to ramp up 'Make in India' manufacturing **Key weapons:** 220 towed AD guns and about 142,000 rounds of ammunition

NOVEMBER
- **Rs 3 billion** worth purchase was okayed for Indian Army to fast-track its drone procurement efforts
- **Key weapons:** 163 high-altitude logistics drones
- **200 medium**-altitude logistics drones
- **1,000 unmanned** surveillance helicopters

India, Canada likely to sign free trade pact

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

INDIA and Canada are on the verge of signing the Free Trade Agreement, the sources observing the development say.

"Five rounds of trade talks have been held between India and Canada, the last round got over on November 18. The sectors that talks have focused on include small and medium enterprises (SMEs), environment, labour and gender. This was excluding traditional matters under the Early Progress Trade Agreement (EPTA) that was relaunched in March. This would be followed by the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) followed by the FTA," say sources.

The issue of relaunching the talks took place on March 11 this year during the fifth Ministerial Dialogue on Trade and Investment (MDTI) that took place between the commerce minister Piyush Goyal and Canadian Minister of Small Business, Export Promotion and International Trade Mary Ng.

The joint statement of the MDTI emphasised that the agreement would help in expanding bilateral trade in goods and services by unlocking the potential across sectors. Both ministers agreed to formally re-launch the negotiations for India-Canada Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) and also consider an interim agreement or early progress trade agreement that could bring early commercial gains to both the countries.

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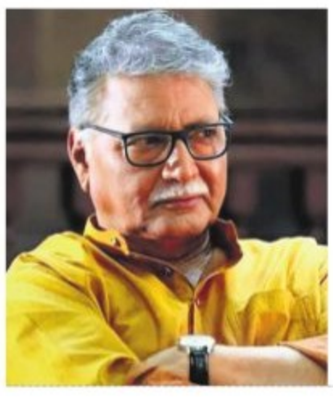
Vikram Gokhale, the astute actor, passes away at 77

SHILAJIT MITRA AND KARTIK BHARDWAJ @Chennai



VIKRAM Gokhale, doyen of Marathi film and theatre, and an indelible figure of popular Hindi cinema, passed away in Pune following prolonged illness.

He was 77.

Born to a line of actors (his great grandmother, Durgabai Kamat, was the first female actor of the Indian screen, while his grandmother, Kamlabai Gokhale, was our first female child actor and his father Chandrakant Gokhale was a veteran Marathi film and stage actor), Vikram Gokhale was known for his gravitas and mastery of craft.

Bearing a stern, thoughtful face that could just as easily break into an expressive smile, he played patriarchs and policemen, fathers and authority figures. He made his film debut in the Amitabh Bachchan starrer *Parwana* in 1971. The association would spark a lifelong friendship, with the actors reuniting for *Khuda Gawah* (1992), *Agneepath* (1990), and most recently, in *Ab Aani CD* (2020).

Bachchan is also credited with helping out the late actor during one of the latter's lowest phases in life. In an interview, Gokhale shared that Bachchan used his political clout to get him a house at a time when he had no roof over his head in Mumbai. The actor had added that he had framed the letter informing him of the same.

Vikram Gokhale won the National Award for the Marathi film *Anumati* (2013).

He also enjoyed an illustrious TV career with successful Doordarshan shows in *Udaan* (1989), *Kshitij Ye Nahi* (1992) and *Natkhat Narad* (1985). He also shared screen space with Smriti Irani in the Sony soap *Virrudh* (2007).

To a younger generation, he's perhaps best remembered as Aishwarya Rai Bachchan's dour and domineering father from *Hum Dil De Chuke Sanam* (1999).

Others may recall the mystic Acharya Yagyaprakash Bharti from the horror-comedy *Bhool Bhulaiyaa* (2007); the authoritative Maharaja from *Hey Ram* (2000) or the truth-telling friend from *Natsamrat* (2015).

Vikram Gokhale, who worked across genres and styles, on stage and in films, was always memorable in a sure, sober, self-assured way. Working in a vast range of supporting roles, he knew schmaltz and melodrama, hysteria and farce. He could fade into the background of a scene, quietly biding his time till his attention — or often, anger — was invoked.

Following his demise, condolences poured in from film industry stalwarts.

Akshay Kumar remembered how he learnt "so much from the actor." Remembering the time he shared space with Vikram Gokhale in *Aiyyari* (2018), Manoj Vajpayee wrote, "Indian cinema lost a gem of an actor." Actors Anupam Kher, Ravi Kishan, chef Ranveer Brar and MP Prakash Javadekar all posted condolence messages for the late actor as well.

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Centre starts month-long campaign against violence inflicted on women

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

The Union rural development ministry has initiated awareness against gender-based violence faced by women in the country after launching a month-long campaign called "Nai Chetna-Pahal Badlav Ki".

As a part of the campaign, the government has set up 160 new gender resource centres (GRCs) in 13 states to support women who suffer from gender-based violence in their lives. The campaign is basically a community-led national initiative against gender-based discrimination.

Speaking about this, Union Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh said that any violence against women should not be seen or understood through the prism of religion. "Gender-based violence against women must be condemned and checked thoroughly in the society," he said.

Quoting some data on crime against women, Singh said that 31,677 cases of rape were reported in 2021, which accounted for an average 86 rapes daily. "The number of rape cases in 2019 was 32,033 that decreased to 28, 046 in 2020. There is a need of mass awareness and public condemnation against such cases now," he said, adding that the campaign is being conducted as 'Jan-Andolan' (People's movement) in all the states and UTs from November 25 to December 23 as an annual campaign focussing on specific gender issues.

He also elaborated that as part of this campaign, there will be knowledge workshops, leadership training, seminars on sexual violence and redressal mechanism across the country. He also said that 160 new Gender Resource Centres in 13 states christened as "Nari Chetna Kendras" have also started working against gender-based violence. In total, there are 1,251 Gender Resource Centres that are functional in the country including newly opened 160.

"All these centres work as 'One Stop Centres" under WCD Ministry to support women affected by violence. He also said that more than 8 crore SHGs are working in the country and a target is to form at least 10crore SHGs by 2024.

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BURNT TO DEATH

An elderly priest, who after being burnt by a group of miscreants in Udaipur, succumbed to his injuries on Saturday. According to police, around 10 people allegedly hurled a petrol bomb at him last Sunday

7 HELD FOR THEFT OF RAILWAY ENGINE PARTS IN BIHAR

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	31	17	Mumbai	33	22
Bhopal	31	14	Panaji	32	24
Jaipur	31	11	Patna	27	15
Amritsar	31	09	Lucknow	30	16
Chennai	28	24	Port Blair	31	24
Kolkata	28	16	Imphal	30	14
Srinagar	19	03	Chandigarh	32	13

BJP learns 2017 lessons, focuses on candidates

With tactical moves, faultlines in Cong strategy, BJP hopes for a return

AMIT MUKHERJEE
@ Rajkot/Ahmedabad

Amit Shah being garlanded at a public meeting ahead of Gujarat Assembly elections in Ahmedabad on Saturday | PTI

THE 2017 Assembly elections were a shocker for the BJP as it barely managed to cross the finishing line with a tally that fell below the 100-mark for the 182-member Assembly.

But having sat over multiple deliberations, which started soon after the poor show, the BJP which has been in the state for 27 years, is looking at overcoming the poll hurdle and, in fact, is hopeful to return with better numbers.

With the Patidars by and large on its side and the most winnable candidates from across the state, even large numbers from the Congress joining the party, the BJP is hopeful for a good comeback in 2022.

The preparation began immediately after the 2017 results and not much was left to the leaders at the state level. In fact, the entire state cabinet was made to resign mid-term to send across a clear message.

With the contentious issue of Patidar reservation that wreaked havoc in the Saurashtra region in terms of loss of seats being a thing of the past, BJP is all set to gain at least 12 seats in the region. "The party has been able to engage back with the people who were misguided and rift was created in the name of the caste through sponsored efforts," says Manish Sharma, an active BJP member.

Besides fielding Hardik Patel, the mascot of Patidar agitation, from Viramgam, BJP has fielded Ramesh Tilara, from Rajkot (South) associated with the Shree Khodal Dham Temple Trust (SKTT), the apex religious body of the Leuva community of the Patidars, quite influential in Saurashtra. A three-time MLA from BJP was dropped to accommodate Tilara.

The party has also been focusing strongly on the choice of its candidates.

"The Congress had a good chance last time when by doing nothing, it managed to bag 77 seats. But in the absence of state leadership and connect within and with people, the winning candidates also felt left out," asserts Divyesh Dabhi a service sector entrepreneur based out of Rajkot.

Meanwhile, the entry of AAP has definitely added suspense to the election season. "They would definitely make a difference in Saurashtra and south Gujarat with Congress falling weak," says Dabhi. But BJP strategists say AAP's presence would spoil the Congress position further.

Persistent rebellion in many north Guj seats may dent saffron prospects

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Mehsana

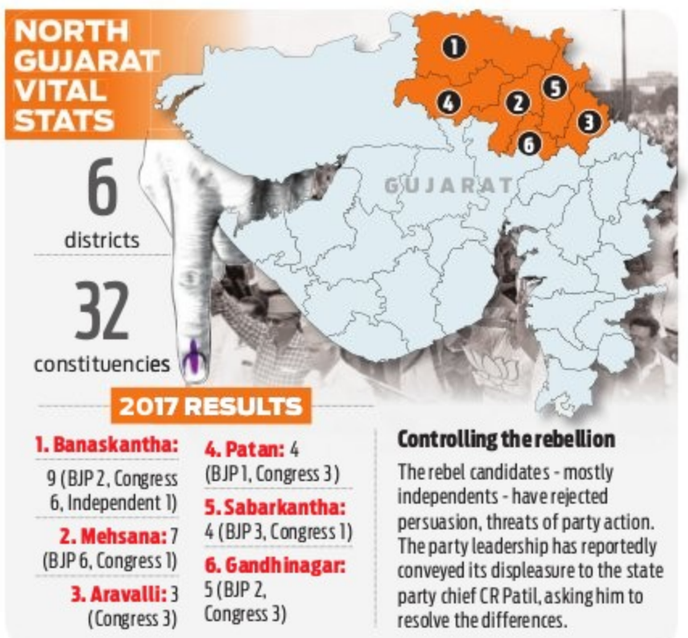
THE BJP is facing dissidence in North Gujarat's four seats Assembly seats -- Bayad, Kheralu, Dhanera, and Deesa. The rebel candidates – mostly independents -- have rejected persuasion and threats of party action. Shailesh Goswami, a resident of Mehsana district of north Gujarat and political analyst, says rebels can harm BJP in more than a dozen seats, including Himmatnagar, Khedbrahma, Amit Shah's hometown Mansa, Visnagar, Vijapur and Gandhinagar South.

The party leadership is aware of the rebel activity and has reportedly conveyed its displeasure to the state party chief CR Patil, asking him to quickly resolve differences. The supporters of Dhavalsingh Jhala, who quit as a Congress legislator and joined the BJP, created a ruckus at the BJP headquarters 'Kamalam' Gandhinagar when his name was dropped from for the Bayad assembly seat. The situation reached a level where the party had to shut the doors of the BJP head office.

After the incident, BJP made many efforts to persuade Zala, but he remained firm on contesting as an independent. BJP candidate Bhikhi Ben Parmar is contesting from this seat, while former Chief Minister Shankar Singh Vaghela's son Mahendrasinh Vaghela is the Congress candidate. Things have become more difficult for BJP due to the nomination of Chuni Patel from AAP.

In Kheralu seat, BJP's Patan MP Bharat Singh Dabhi's brother Ram Singh Thakor has rebelled and has filed papers as an independent candidate. Congress' Mukesh Desai and AAP's Dinesh Thakor have complicated things for BJP's Sardar Singh Chaudhary.

Paresh Padhiyar, a resident of Deesa, believes that in several seats in north Gujarat like Himmatnagar, Khedbrahma, Visnagar and Vijapur, the BJP appears to be unable to control the damage in north Gujarat.


NORTH GUJARAT VITAL STATS
6 districts
32 constituencies
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2017 RESULTS
1. Banaskantha: 9 (BJP 2, Congress 6, Independent 1)
2. Mehsana: 7 (BJP 6, Congress 1)
3. Aravalli: 3 (Congress 3)
4. Patan: 4 (BJP 1, Congress 3)
5. Sabarkantha: 4 (BJP 3, Congress 1)
6. Gandhinagar: 5 (BJP 2, Congress 3)
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Gehlot starts assembly poll preparations

CM Ashok Gehlot has created a storm within Congress by calling Sachin Pilot a 'traitor' just before the entry of Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra in the state. But even as the political turmoil grips Rajasthan, Gehlot is preparing for the assembly elections due next year. There are speculations that the last budget of his government will be presented in January itself. The cabinet secretariat has issued instructions to deliver the requirements to the administrative department by December 20. It is believed that this time Gehlot can make big announcements in the budget to please every section especially youth.

BJP on backfoot with no star campaigners

The battle for Sardarshahar by-elections in Churu district has begun but BJP's task is not easy. The absence of star campaigners including former CM Vasundhara Raje is a major setback. The result of the BJP's internal tussle is that Raje has already cut herself away with a few days left for campaigning to stop. Party President Satish Poonia is busy campaigning in the Gujarat polls. He is considered to be from the anti-Raje faction. Sources say Raje who was kept out of the list of star campaigners for Gujarat is said to be upset over her omission. she has distanced herself from election campaigning over past few years.

Housing Board wins SKOCH 'Gold' Award

The Rajasthan Housing Board (RHB) has been awarded the SKOCH 'Gold' Award-2022 for the second consecutive year for innovations & rejuvenation. Earlier, during the BJP government, RHB was in a bad condition but since the present Congress government gave the reins of the board in the hands of Commissioner of the Board IAS Pawan Arora , it has had a turnaround. Arora said that in the past years innovations like 'Wednesday auction festival', building a coaching hub, MLA housing and CM Jan Awas Yojana, and other administrative reforms enabled the RHB to get awarded.

PRO-PAK SLOGAN

BJP leader booked for fake video

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

HOURS after the ruling BJP alleged that Pakistan Zindabad slogans were shouted during Rahul Gandhi's ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra in Madhya Pradesh, a case was registered in Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh, against a senior MP BJP leader for posting the "fabricated" video of the Yatra.

The case was registered on Friday late night under IPC Sections, 153-A, 504, 505(1), 505(2) and 120-B against MP BJP state media in-charge Lokendra Parashar on the complaint of local Congress leader Amit Kumar Mishra at DD Nagar police station of Chhattisgarh capital Raipur.

The complainant Congress leader, in his complaint, alleged that the MP BJP leader posted a fabricated video (of the Yatra) to provoke and mislead people. Earlier, on Friday morning, controversy had erupted on the third day of former Congress president's Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra in Khargone district in Madhya Pradesh, with the ruling BJP leaders alleging that 'Pakistan Zindabad' slogans were shouted.

Fighting Modi, RSS, but I don't harbour hate for them: Rahul

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

ON the fourth day of the Madhya Pradesh leg of his Bharat Jodo Yatra, Rahul Gandhi Saturday sounded philosophical. "Though I'm battling Narendra Modi and RSS, I don't harbour hate for them in my heart. Fear leads to hate, but I don't have fear, so I don't harbor hate in my heart," said the former Congress president.

Rahul was addressing a public gathering at Mhow in Indore, the birthplace of the founding father of the country's Constitution, Dr BR Ambedkar.

"I'll give you my example, my grandmother (Indira Gandhi) sustained 32 bullets, my father (Rajiv Gandhi) was killed in a bomb blast and terrifying violence has been unleashed against me as well. But I've lost fear and there is only love and no hate in my heart. Those who fear don't love, while those who love don't fear," he said.

"Our country's DNA isn't made up of fear or hate but is full of love and compassion. I ask the PM, BJP, RSS and Home Minister Amit Shah to shed fear and hate from their hearts, as they are damaging the country immensely," Rahul said in his speech marking Constitution Day.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge with party leaders Rahul Gandhi and Bhupesh Baghel during a public meeting in Mhow on Saturday | PTI

Accusing PM Modi, BJP and RSS of fulfilling dreams of a few billionaire industrialists, he said the PM has betrayed the youth of the country by not giving them jobs, but instead turning them into labourers. "PM Modi lied to the country's youth by asking them to fry pakodas, instead he wanted them to just do majdoori (hard labour). The real meaning of Modi's startup means start majdoori."

He accused the BJP of going back on the ideology of Mahatma Gandhi. "They once worshipped Godse only, but were forced to bow before pictures of Dr Ambedkar and Mahatma Gandhi. The same forces are back-stabbing Gandhi and Ambedkar."

Addressing the gathering, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge administered the gathering the pledge to protect the Constitution. "If you don't protect the Constitution, you'll become slaves again. Dr Ambedkar had cautioned that if political parties put a sect above the country, India will lose independence forever," he said.

Shinde, MLAs return to Assam's Kamakhya temple for 'gratitude'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

MAHARASHTRA Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and several of his ministers and MLAs paid a "gratitude" visit to the Kamakhya temple atop the Nilachal Hills in Guwahati and offered prayers on Saturday.

The visit comes five months after Shinde had led rebel Shiv Sena MLAs and some independents to Guwahati on June 22, camped at a five-star hotel for a week and later, toppled the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi government after a power struggle.

Before leaving for Goa then, they had offered prayers to goddess Kamakhya for success.

They checked in the same hotel this time as well. On Saturday, the lawmakers and their family members were received by three Assam ministers and senior government officials.

Shinde said they all arrived at the invitation of his Assam counterpart Himanta Biswa Sarma who heads the state's BJP-led government.

"We came here for the 'darshan' of Maa Kamakhya Devi on the invitation of the Chief Minister. We want to thank everyone. We can see people showing their love and affection for us like the last time. Some Sainiks have also come to welcome us. I thank them too," Shinde said during his brief interaction with the media.

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>
> Eknath Shinde, Maharashtra CM

He said everyone was happy after their darshan of the goddess and that he would meet the Assam CM on Saturday evening. The Maharashtra delegation would leave the state on Sunday.

Assam minister Bimal Borah said, "They came primarily for the 'darshan' of Maa Kamakhya and to seek Her blessings so they can run the government smoothly. We welcomed them." Earlier in the day, they landed at the Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport in separate flights, including one that was chartered.

Punjab farmers back in protest mode, march to Raj Bhavan with old demands

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THOUSANDS of farmers from Punjab owing allegiance to 33 unions marched from Mohali towards Punjab Raj Bhavan in Chandigarh to submit a memorandum of their demands but were stopped on the Punjab-Chandigarh border, on Saturday.

Similarly farmers from 15 farmer unions of Haryana marched towards Haryana Raj Bhavan from Panchkula and were stopped at the Chandigarh-Haryana border. The Samyukta Kisan Morcha (SKM) had called for a countrywide march on the second anniversary of the farm agitation against the union government.

The farmers marched under the banner of SKM from Gurdwara Amb Sahib in Mohali towards Punjab Raj Bhawan in Chandigarh to submit a memorandum of their demands but were stopped at Chandigarh border from where their representatives were taken to meet Punjab Governor Banwarilal Purohit. Senior SKM leader and BKU (Lakhowal) General Secretary, Harinder Singh Lakhowal said, "We have made seven demands in the memorandum which we gave to the governor and he assured us that tomorrow he will send it to president for recommendation. Our demands included guarantee law on minimum support price (MSP) with C2+50 per cent formula. Wave or remission of farm loans, withdrawal of Electricity Amendment Bill 2022, action against main conspirator of Lakhimpur Khiri incident, arrest and dismissal from the cabinet of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Ajay Mishra Teni and immediate release of the four arrested farmers implicated in a false case." Senior SKM leader Darshan Pal said the next SKM meeting is on December 8 in Karnal, Haryana, in which the next phase of the movement would be decided. Pal appealed to the farmers to come forward to play a leading role.

Farmers under the banner of Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee protest against the Central government in Amritsar on Saturday | PTI

UTTARAKHAND

Teen 'sold' to disabled man in Raj for ₹5 lakh

NARENDRA SETHI @ Kashipur

THE Kunda police in Uddham Singh Nagar claimed to have busted a gang that lured minors and sold them for marriage. The police have arrested an accused in the alleged 'sale' of a teen. Interrogation revealed that a teen was sold to a disabled man from Rajasthan for ₹5 lakh. Four persons, including two women, are absconding in the case, police said.

A Moradabad-based woman, Usha Chauhan who lives Kunda area of Kashipur, had lodged a missing report of her 16-year-old daughter on October 16.

Investigation revealed that the girl's mother was suffering from a serious ailment. The woman, Sonia, a resident of Hathras in Islamnagar, and her friend Raju took the teen under their influence on the pretext of getting her mother treated, and took her to Rajasthan, said the police.

Rift emerges in Bengal BJP: Pro-CAA rally fails to draw state party leaders

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE delay in implementation of Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA), a promise that the BJP had made ahead of 2019 Lok Sabha elections to woo the Matua electorates, a Hindu religious sect infiltrated from Bangladesh, has caused major rift in the state party camp.

A section of BJP leaders organised a rally on CAA on Saturday at Thakurnagar in North 24 Paraganas, inviting local MP and Union Minister Shantanu Thakur and Leader of Opposition Suvendu Adhikari, keeping aside the party's state president Sukanta Majumdar and general secretary (organisation) Amitabha Chakrabarty. BJP's Bongaon organisational district president Rampada Das was also not invited.

Party heavyweights like Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home minister Amit Shah had promised the implementation of the CAA in both the 2019 Lok Sabha polls and the 2021 Assembly polls eyeing the vote-bank of Matuas who are deciding factors in at least 30 Assembly seats out of 294 in the state. West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee had strongly opposed the contentious act and had recently reiterated that her government would not allow CAA in Bengal. Adhikari warned Mamata Banerjee. "Implementing CAA is just a matter of time. The chief minister of the state incited violent movement against CAA. She instigated a particular community. CAA does not talk about snatching anyone's citizenship. It talks about citizenship of those who had to flee here because of religious persecution. I am announcing it today and request the chief minister to listen that CAA will be implemented," he said.

Thakur said CAA could not be implemented because of CM's opposition. "We raised demands for CAA repeatedly but the CM opposed it. When Modiji promised, we know CAA will be implemented in Bengal," he said. The MP, however, did not make it clear whether the act will be implemented before the next year's panchayat polls.

Discontent among the saffron camp's elected representatives from Matua strongholds first surfaced in December last year over the issue of appointing organisational district presidents of the party after Majumdar's elevation as the state president.

Quitting all assemblies is Imran's latest salvo

Workers install a bullet proof glass shield on the main stage of the venue ahead of an anti-govt rally lead by ex-PM Imran Khan (not pictured) in Rawalpindi | AFP

RAWALPINDI

PAKISTAN'S former prime minister Imran Khan on Saturday announced his party's decision to resign from all assemblies in the country to pressure the government to announce early elections. He also announced the roll back of his plan to march to Islamabad, at a big rally in Rawalpindi, claiming he did not want to be seen as spreading anarchy.

"We will not be part of this system. We have decided to quit all the assemblies and get out of this corrupt system," Imran said. "I will consult all chief ministers and party leaders to leave the assemblies," he said.

Imran's party has governments in Punjab and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa as well as in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir and Gilgit-Baltistan. It has representation in the Sindh and Balochistan assemblies also.

The party lawmakers had already resigned from the National Assembly but the resignations of all lawmakers were not accepted.

Imran also announced to continue his protest until new elections were announced. Elections are not due in Pakistan until the term of the current National Assembly gets over in August 2023.

"The movement of Haqeeqi Azadi will continue until genuine freedom is achieved," he said, adding that the moment would come once new elections were held.

The climbdown happened in the backdrop of the appointment of a new Army chief. His Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's (PTI) rally in Rawalpindi was significant as it houses the headquarters of the army.

Addressing the rally, he alleged that three 'criminals', who were behind the failed assassination attempt on him early this month, were waiting to target him again.

In his first in-person address to the party workers after the failed assassination bid on his life, Khan alleged that 'three criminals', who he claimed were behind the attack on him, are waiting to take a shot at him again.

Imran has repeatedly alleged that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah and ISI Counter Intelligence Wing head Maj-Gen Faisal Naseer were behind the attack on him.

He called on his supporters to free themselves from the fear of death if they wanted to live freely.

"Fear makes an entire nation into slaves," he said, referring to the battle of Karbala in present day Iraq where the Prophet's grandson Imam Hussain was killed along with his family members for raising his voice against the tyrant ruler of his time. *PTI*

Pakistan ex-PM Imran Khan jibes at military

Imran Khan acknowledged that he failed to bring the powerful and corrupt under the law during his 3.5 years at the helm because key institutions like the National Accountability Bureau were not under his control, in a veiled jibe at the military establishment.

INFLATION HOVERS OVER SHOPPERS SEEKING DEALS ON BLACK FRIDAY

NEW YORK

CAUTIOUS shoppers hunted for the best deals at stores and online as retailers offered new Black Friday discounts to entice consumers eager to start buying holiday gifts but weighed down by inflation.

Due to elevated prices for food, rent, gasoline and other essentials, many people were being more selective, reluctant to spend unless there was a big sale. Some were dipping more into savings, turning to "buy now, pay later" services that allow payment in installments, or running up their credit cards.

This year's trends are a contrast from a year ago when consumers were buying early for fear of not getting what they needed amid supply-network clogs. Early shopping turned out to be a fleeting trend, said Rob Garf, vice president and general manager of retail at Salesforce, which tracks online sales. People this year are holding out for the best bargains, and retailers responded this week with more attractive online deals after offering mostly lackluster discounts earlier in the season.

Shoppers exit a Claire's accessories store advertising sales ahead of Black Friday and the Thanksgiving holiday | AP

The average discount rate in the US across all categories online was 31% on Thanksgiving, up from 27% the previous year, according to the Salesforce data.

The steepest discounts were in home appliances, general apparel, makeup and luxury handbags.

Macy's Herald Square in Manhattan, where discounts included 60% off fashion jewelry and 50% off select shoes, was bustling with shoppers early Friday. The traffic was "significantly larger" on Black Friday compared to the previous two years because shoppers feel more comfortable in crowds, Macy's CEO Jeff Gennette said.

He said that bestsellers from Macy's online sale, which started last weekend, included 50% off beauty sets.

Shoppers spent $5.3 billion online on Thanksgiving Day, up 2.9% from the holiday last year, as per Adobe Analytics, which monitors spending across websites. Adobe expects that online buying on Black Friday will hit $9 billion, up just 1% from a year ago.

The two-month period between Thanksgiving and Christmas represents about 20% of the retail industry's annual sales. *AP*

ASIA MATTERS

French minister praises strategic intimacy

France's defence minister met his Indonesian counterpart in Jakarta, lauding the close ties between the two countries following an $8 billion fighter jet deal signed earlier this year. "There is a powerful strategic intimacy that is being born with Indonesia and France," French Armed Forces Minister Sebastien Lecornu said. Indonesia placed an order for 42 of France's Rafale fighter jets in an $8.1 billion deal agreed to in February. The two countries are also in talks over the purchase of two French Scorpene-class attack submarines. Lecornu met his counterpart Prabowo Subianto as Indonesia prepares to take over the rotating presidency of regional block the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Court dismisses pleas by three Indian-origin Malaysians

Singapore High Court has dismissed applications moved by three Indian-origin Malaysians and a Singaporean Malay to stop the execution of death penalties awarded to them under stringent anti-drugs laws. Singaporean Jumaat Mohamed Sayed and Malaysians Lingkesvaran Rajendaren, Datchinamurthy Kataiah and Saminathan Selvaraju had contended that the two provisions violate the constitutionally protected presumption of innocence. The high court on Friday dismissed their applications for permission to seek a prohibiting order against the death sentences, and a court declaration that the two provisions violated Articles 9 and 12 of the Constitution, according to a report by the *Straits Times*.

CALAMITY

1 dead, several others missing in landslide in Italian island

ROME

ONE woman died and other people were still missing Saturday after heavy rains caused a landslide on the Italian island of Ischia, a local official said.

The first victim was confirmed to be a woman whose body was found by rescuers, according to a media briefing by the prefect of Naples, Claudio Palomba.

Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni said she was following the situation, offering her thoughts to those affected. A wave of mud and debris swept down the hill in the small town of Casamicciola Terme in the early hours of the morning, engulfing at least one house and sweeping cars down to the sea, media reports and emergency services said.

Interior Minister Matteo Piantedosi had earlier warned there were people trapped in the mud, saying it was a "very serious" situation. However, he denied a statement by his colleague Matteo Salvini, the deputy prime minister and infrastructure minister, that eight people had died, saying this had not been confirmed.

The fire service earlier said one house had been overwhelmed by the mud and that two people had been rescued from a car swept into the sea. It said help was being sent from Naples, the nearest major city. *AFP*

Taiwan president Tsai Ing-wen | AP

After losing local elections, Taiwan president resigns as party leader

TAIPEI

TAIWAN'S President Tsai Ing-wen has stepped down as head of her ruling party after it suffered defeat in Saturday's local elections, while the Beijing-friendly main opposition held its ground.

Voters cast ballots for mayors, magistrates and various other posts in 22 cities and counties in elections Tsai had previously described as a stage to showcase "Taiwan's persistence and resolve to defend freedom and democracy" as Beijing ramps up pressure on the island.

But her Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) lost four out of the island's six key mayoralties, including capital Taipei. "The election results were not as expected....I should shoulder all the responsibility and I resign as DPP chairwoman immediately," Tsai, who will stay on as president of the self-ruled island, told reporters.

"But we don't have time to feel sad, we should get up after we fall down... there is no room for hesitation for Taiwan in the face of the current international situation and future challenges," she said. The DPP only secured five cities and counties in total, compared with the opposition Kuomintang (KMT) party's 13.

A referendum on whether to lower the voting age from 20 to 18 was also rejected.

The KMT, which promoted closer ties with China when in power, pledged to "work hard to maintain peace in the region" as its chairman declared victory. "We will dedicate ourselves to the Taiwanese people selflessly, we will be selfless so the KMT can have a chance to win the (presidential) elections in 2024," said Eric Chu. *AFP*

EU LEADERS PLEDGE MORE ASSISTANCE TO UKRAINE

KYIV

EUROPEAN leaders renewed pledges of support to Ukraine on Saturday on the 90th anniversary of the start of the Holodomor famine that affected millions of Ukrainians under Soviet leader Joseph Stalin.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said his country will continue to resist Russian attacks that have systematically targeted Ukraine's energy grid, causing power cuts as temperatures plunge. Several European leaders were in Kyiv on Saturday to commemorate the victims of the 1932-33 Holodomor — Ukrainian for "death by starvation" — which is regarded by Kyiv as a deliberate act of genocide by Stalin's regime. According to Polish and Lithuanian media, the prime ministers of these two EU countries were in Ukraine for talks that could in particular focus on a possible new wave of migration from Ukraine this winter.

Ukraine's Border Guard Service said Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki was in Kyiv and "honoured the memory of the Holodomor victims" at a memorial in the Ukrainian capital.

Belgium's Prime Minister Alexander De Croo was also in Kyiv on his first visit since Russia invaded.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform whosoever it may concern that my clients- Sri. Sudiptya Bhowmick and Sri. Surajit Bhowmickare intending to purchase the schedule Property from its present owner Smt. Kusumalatha, W/o M.S. Harish D/o. Late Mallappa.

If any third party/s Person/s has/have any manner of right, title, interest, demand, clients, charges or lien over the schedule property they are hereby by sought to file the objections to this sale transaction or mortgage of said property to the financial institutions/ Bank/ third parties and shall inform/object the same in writing along with the photocopies, related such claims or objections through the RPAD to under mentioned address within 15 days from the publication of this notice.

If no valid claim/objections are received by the undersigned as aforesaid, my clients shall proceed to complete the sale transaction deeming that apart from the aforesaid owner no one else has any manner of right or claim or interest whatsoever over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of Residential house property bearing House No. 5, Property No. 478/30 situated at Hennur Village, Property Khata No. 544/A, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West 50 Feet and North to South (35+30)/2 Feet bounded on East by: Property No.2, West by: 20 Feet Road, North by: Property No.4, South by: Property No.6.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is inform and whatsoever it may concern that my client This is inform and whatsoever it may concern that my client, has intending to purchase the schedule Property from its present owner viz., **SRI.SRIRAMAIAH @ RAMAIAH**, S/o. Late Doddappaiah, and his family members, R/at No.48/12, Sriramppura Village, MCEHS Layout, Jakkur Post, Bangaluru and the said Sriramaiah @ Ramaiah and his family members have entered in to an Agreement of sale dated 26.09.2016.

If any third party/s Person/s has/have any manner of right, title, interest, demand, clients, charges or lien over the schedule property they are hear by requested to file the objections to this sale transaction or mortgage of said property to the financial intuitions/Bank/third parties and shell informed/said object the same in writing along with the photocopies, related such claims, objections through the RPAD with the under mentioned address within 30 days from the publication of this notice.

If no valid claim/objections are received by the undersigned as aforesaid, my client shall proceed to complete the sale transaction deeming that apart from the aforesaid owner no one else has/have any manner of right or claim or interest whatsoever over the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece & parcel of agricultural land in Sy. No. 432 measuring 1 acre 32 guntas, Sy.No.461 measuring 2 acres, Sy.No.486 measuring 2 acres, Sy.No.497 measuring 1 acre 33 guntas, Sy.No.498 measuring 0-19 guntas, Sy.No.159/P2 measuring 2 acres, Sy.No.159/P4 measuring 2 acres, Sy.No.160 measuring 2 acres all are situated at Vijayapura Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk and Sy.No.38 measuring 0-36 guntas, situated at Chikkathathamangala Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, and Sy.No.135 measuring 2 acres situated at Mandibele Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural district, (Totally measuring 17 acres).

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R.KESHAVA
Represented by GPA Holder
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that our client Smt. Lakkamma Wife of Late Sri. Munithimmaiah along with her children are the sole and absolute owners of the schedule property.

The original Sale Deed dated 01.04.1944 registered on 05/06/1944 bearing Document Number 6047/1943-44, Registered in the office of the Sub-Register, Bangalore Taluk, executed in favour of Sri. Munithimaiah S/o Mudda Bairappa related to agricultural land in Sy.No.41 situated at Talagattapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 01 Acre 39 Guntas (schedule property forms part of the same), is lost/misplaced by our client. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged by our clients on 26/11/2022 online.

Any person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned within 15 days from this day. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our clients and he/she/they shall be doing so at their own costs and risks.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land Sy.No.41/2 (Converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purpose vide official memorandum bearing ALN SR (S) 56/1997-98 dated 25/06/1997 issued by Assistant Commissioner, Bangalore Sub-division, Bangalore), situated at Talagattapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District, measuring 0-38 Guntas is bounded as follows, on the -

East by : Farm land of Engineer
West by : Uattarahalli Manavaarthe Kaval
North by : 30 Feet Road and land allotted to the share of Ravindrakumar,
South by : Nice Road

H.K.GIRISH, ADVOCATE
M & G Associates
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08th Block, Jayanagara, Bangalore – 70.
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BEFORE THE HON'BLE VI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL COURT AT CHENNAI
O.S.No. 3798 of 2022

Mrs. Shanthi Samuel, W/o. Ivan Raj Samuel, Trump Castle Flats, Al 92 A/15, 9th Main Road, Anna Nagar, Chennai 600040. ...PLAINTIFF

---Vs---

1. Mr.K. Sreedhar, General Manager (Finance & Admin) L.B. Publishers & Distributors (Madras) Pvt. Ltd.
No.10, 1st Main Road, 6th Cross, Versova Layout, CV Raman Nagar, Bengaluru- 560093 and one another
....DEFENDANTS

To,

1. Mr.K. Sreedhar, General Manager (Finance & Admin)
L.B. Publishers & Distributors (Madras) Pvt. Ltd
No.10, 1st Main Road, 6th Cross, Versova Layout, CV Raman Nagar, Bengaluru- 560093 and one another

2. M/s. L.B. Publishers & Distributors (Madras) Pvt. Ltd,
Represented by its Managing Director, No.10, 1st Main Road, 6th Cross, Versova Layout, CV Raman Nagar, Bengaluru-56009 ....DEFENDANTS

Please take notice that the Hon'ble VI Additional City Civil Court was pleased to order **"Notice returnable by 13.12.2022".** Therefore, you may please make necessary arrangement to appear either in person or through your pleader and state your objections on that day; otherwise, the matter will be heard by the Hon'ble Court in your absence by setting you ex-parte.

HARI RADHAKRISHNAN
G.VIJAYABALAN
Advocates
No.17, 1st Cross Street,
Customs Colony, 4th Avenue,
Besant Nagar, Chennai-600 090

DOCUMENT LOST PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that my client **G.Ramesh** residing at 3115, Ranganatha Nilaya, 18th cross, B S K 2nd stage, Bangalore-560 070, has lost the **Third page of Absolute Sale Deed dated 30-06-2007** executed by Smt. Hemalatha registered as document no. BSG-1-02584-2008-09, stored in CD No.BSGD117 dated 23-03-2009 in my favor pertaining to **property bearing Municipal No.17/3 (old No.21), J.C. Road, Sudhama Nagar Ward No.48, Bangalore, measuring East to West 30 Feet, North to South 34.9 Feet, totally 1042.06 Square Feet.**

If anybody finds the aforesaid third page of Absolute Sale Deed dated 30-06-2007, please hand over to my client. G Ramesh has lodged complaint regarding loss of above said document to the Bangalore City Police, Bangalore Lost Report No. 0395553/2022, dated 25/11/2022.

Please note that, if anybody tries to make any illegal acts on the aforesaid original documents, my client is not responsible for the same.

D. SRINIVASA, Advocate,
No.4, "Kamala Nilaya", 3rd Cross,
Journalist Colony, J.C. Road Cross,
Bangalore-560 002. M: 9886047740
Bengaluru Date:26-11-2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Mr. Konda Shashidhar** s/o Bhumalingam r/a No. 96, Ground floor, Kurubharahalli circle, JC Nagar, Basaveshwara Nagar, Kurubharahalli, Bengaluru- 560086, intends to purchase the schedule mentioned property from the present owner Sri Brahma Kishore Peruri. Sri Brahma Kishore Peruri had purchased the schedule mentioned property from "Sri Sai Easwar" Real Estates and Developers through his GPA holder Sri Jayaram Shetty by executing a separate GPA dated 02/01/2006. However the GPA dated 02/01/2006 is lost and not traceable. In case any person has any knowledge or is in possession of the GPA dated 02/01/2006 and has any interest or claim or objection relating to the below mentioned property or proposed sale may lodge the same with the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this publication with supporting documents, failing which the sale transaction shall be completed without any reference to the search right, title, interest and claim.

Schedule property

All that piece and parcel of the residential site No.1, Katha No.412, formed in the Schedule 'A' property in the BMRDA approved layout called as "Prashanthi Grand Villa" measuring East West 61 Feet and North South 47 Feet in all measuring 2867 Sq. ft and bounded on: **East by:** Plot No.2, **West by:** 10 feet path way, **North by:** Private land **South by:** 40 feet wide road

Sindhu HM Advocate
Lawsmith and Co
No.22, 1st Floor,Nehru Nagar Main Road,
Shashadripuram, Bengaluru-560020
Mob: 7022941183

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the General Public that my client **SRI.CHENNAREDDY MADHU SUDHANA REDDY** S/o Sri. Chennareddy Veniku Reddy, managing Partner of **M/s MSR DEVELOPERS,** A Registered partnership firm having, Office at No.17, Flat No.401, Squirrel Oaks Apartment, Lake Vista, Harulru Road, Bengaluru-560 102. He was intending to purchase and also entered registered agreement of sale in described in the schedule hereunder belongs to **Mrs. APURVA. P** D/o. Sri. Puttaraju, Residing at No.09, Sarjapura Road, Kaikondrahalli, Bengaluru-560 035, **Mr. RAMAMURTHY. B. C** S/o. Sri. Chandrappa, Residing at No.83, Opposite Om Shakti Temple, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk, Bengaluru-560 103, and **SRI. PUTTARAJU** S/o. Sri. Narayanappa, Residing at No.8, Maruthi Layout, Near Mohan Nursing Home, Kaikondahalli, Bangalore-560035, which is intend to purchase by my above client.

Therefore any other Person/s having any claim in respect of the referred property or part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, maintenance, inheritance, possession, lease, tenancy, sub tenancy, transfer of title or beneficial interest, under any trust right of possession, or per-emptionor under any agreement or other disposition decree, or Awardor otherwise claiming howsoever, are hereby requested to make the same known in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned below mention Address within **15 days** (both days inclusive) of the Publication hereof failing which the claim of such persons/s will deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.I : All that piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing **Site No.4**, old Khatha No. 2536/2378/4, **presently BBMP Khatha No. 2536/2378/4,** formed in Converted Survey No.29/1, {Converted for non-agricultural residential purposes, vide Conversion order No.B.DS/ALN/SR (S.A) 04/1995-96, dated:28.06.1995, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, the layout know as **"METRO GLADE-II Layout"**, situated at **Kasavanahlli Village, Varthur Hobli,** earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring **East to West (62.7+62.4)/2 Feet** and **North to South43 Feet,** in total measuring **2690 Sq. ft.,** and bounded on: **East by:** Private Property; **West by :** Private Road; **North by:** Site No.03; **South by :** Site No.05;

Item No.II : All that piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing **Site No.5**. Old VP Khatha No.2537/5, presently BBMP Khatha No.2537/2379/5, formed in Converted Survey No.29/1, {Converted for non-agricultural residential purposes, vide Conversion order No.B.DS/ALN/SR (S.A) 04/1995-96, dated:28.06.1995, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, the layout know as **"METRO GLADE-II Layout"**, situated at **Kasavanahlli Village, VarthurHobli,** earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West **(62.4+62.2/2) Feet** and North to South **43 Feet** in total Measuring **2680 Sq. ft.,** and bounded on: **East by:** Private Property; **West by:** Private Road; **North by:** Site No.04; **South by :**Site No.06;

Item No.III : All that piece and parcel of immovable Property bearing **portion of Site No.6,** Old VP Khatha No.2537/6, formed in Converted Survey No.29/1, {Converted for non-agricultural residential purposes, vide Conversion order No.B.DS/ALN/SR (S.A) 04/1995-96, dated : 28.06.1995, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, the layout know as **"METRO GLADE-II Layout"**, situated at **Kasavanahlli Village, Varthur Hobli,** earlier Bangalore South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, measuring **East to West 62 feet** and **North to South 17 feet,** totally measuring **1054 Sq. feet** and bounded on: **East by:** Private Property; **West by:** Private Road; **North by:** Site No.05; **South by:** Road formed in remaining portion of same Site No.06;

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No.404, 4th Main, K.R. Pura Old Extension,
Bangaluru-560 036, Mobile No.9738483375.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby notified that our client State Bank of India SPL Housing Finance Branch, 2nd Floor, 26th Main, 4th T Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041 (Hereinafter referred to as bank), Now Represented by its Chief Manager instructed undersigned to issue this public notice that the bank has granted loan to its borrower Mrs. Vishnupriya R and Dr. Srivtasa HG vide Home Loan (Account No.39708954252) and deposited the original documents pertaining to the property mortgaged. While merging the bank's of SBI associates the bank has misplaced/lost one original sale deed dated 31.07.2015 the said document was registered as **Document No.JPN-1-03528-2015-16 and stored in CD No.JPND309, Registered at the office of the Sub Registrar J P Nagar, Bangalore,** If anybody is in possession or having knowledge about the whereabouts of the said document the same may be kindly be returned or intimated to the undersigned, further our client bank will also lodge police complaint to the effect of lost/misplace of document with the jurisdictional police.

K.S. VENKATARAMANA, Advocate
KS and KS Associates
No.4, 4th Floor, N R Road, Bangalore-560002
Mob: 9448031328/9740355567

Before the Hon'ble Special District Court for MCOP Cases at Madurai Tamil Nadu
M.C.O.P.No. 871 of 2022

Latha and others
....Petitioners

Vs

Senthamizh Selvi
W/o Gunaseelan
No.7, R C C, 206-262
S G Mutt Road
Chamrajpet
Bangalore-560018
....1st Respondent

NOTICE

The petitioners filed the above said motor accident claims case against 1st Respondent and her vehicle's insurance company. It is posted on 20.12.2022 for appearance of 1st Respondent. 1st Respondent should appear on 20.12.2022 at 10.30 am before the Hon'ble Court above stated in person or by Advocate and make objection. Otherwise the case will be decided on merit.

G. NAGALINGAM
Advocate
165/1, Naganakulam Road, Madurai-625014

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of the General Public that my client **Mrs. M. V. SULOCHANA**, D/o Late. Kamalamma, is the absolute owner of all that piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing vacant Site No.491, BBMP Khata No.492/491, of Gubbalalu/Turahalli Village a Layout formed by Jayanagara Co-Operative Housing Society Ltd, formed in Sy.No.1/1, 1/3B, 6/1, 6/2, 7, 9, 50/1 to 50/9, 63 of Gibbalalu village, and Sy.No.43/1, 44/1, 45/1, 46/1, 46/2, 47/1 of Turahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 60 feet, totally measuring about 2400 Sq.feet, and bounded on the

East by : Site No.490;
West by : Site No.492;
North by : Site No.496;
South by : Road;

the said owner has irretrievably lost/misplaced Gift Deed in respect of the said Property being Gift Deed dated 03/03/2017, executed by Mrs. Surya Kala D/o Late Kamalamma in favour of Mrs. M. V. SULOCHANA, D/o Late. Kamalamma, registered as document No.BSK-1-11883/2016-17, Stored in CD No.BSKD393, registered before the Office of the Sub-Registrar Banashankari, Bangalore, the said property is absolutely free from all sorts of encumbrances, in this regard a complaint has been lodged before the Banashankari Police Station on 23/11/2022.

Persons having any claim, charge, interest, right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 15 days from this day to the undersigned.

MUNISHAMI REDDY. G. R, Advocate
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$542.02 bn was India's forex reserve as of September 25, according to RBI data. This was an decrease of $3.017 billion over the previous week

Layoffs mount as recession looms

Many companies extend hiring freeze, and are focusing on restructuring businesses

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

Technology and the start-up ecosystem globally are facing unprecedented challenges triggered by tightening monetary policies, macroeconomic downturn and slowdown. Amidst all this, most tech and start-up companies have now woken up to the need for rationalisation of workforce and become more capital efficient. The ripple effect of which is also being felt back home in India.

From Byju's, Unacademy, Zomato to Google, Cisco, Twitter, Meta and Amazon, many companies have announced layoffs in recent months. While many have cited funding winter and restructuring as the reasons for layoffs, Facebook parent Meta CEO Mark Zuckerberg said that in the new environment (post-Covid period), 'we need to become more capital efficient'.

Meta has announced that it would fire 11,000 employees or 13% of its workforce. "We've cut costs across our business, including scaling back budgets, reducing perks, and shrinking our real estate footprint. We're restructuring teams to increase our efficiency. But these measures alone won't bring our expenses in line with our revenue growth, so I've also made the hard decision to let people go," Zuckerberg told his employees.

Apart from Twitter and Meta, recently, Cisco and Amazon too joined the growing list of companies that are firing employees. While Cisco fired over 4,000 employees or 5% of its workforce as part of its 'restructuring' plan, e-commerce giant Amazon will fire close to 10,000 employees globally, and the company has been sending out voluntary separation offers to some of its Indian employees.

According to people familiar with the development, the actual number of layoffs in Amazon India will be known only in December or in January 2023, as the company has given 30 November 2022 as the deadline to participate in the VSP (voluntary separation programme).

Also, various reports suggest that tech company Google might lay off 10,000 employees. Recently, in an open letter to Alphabet CEO Sundar Pichai, TCI Fund Management MD Christopher Hohn said that headcount is too high. "Our conversations with former executives of Alphabet suggest that the business could be operated more effectively with significantly fewer employees." Hohn said in the letter.

He quoted Altimeter Capital's Brad Gerstner who said, "It is a poorly kept secret in Silicon Valley that companies ranging from Google to Meta to Twitter to Uber could achieve similar levels of revenue with far fewer people."

Earlier, in September, Pichai hinted at slashing the workforce, saying he wants to make the company 20% more efficient. Though many employees in India have lost their jobs due to layoffs by these big tech companies, according to HR experts, this is only for short-term. "While they may face headwinds over short-term but eventually, we believe that they will get placed overtime," says AR Ramesh, Director-managed services and professional staffing, Adecco India.

He adds that the hiring sentiment especially in the IT sector has observed a dip, and this is due to the macroeconomic climate and year-end ramp down.

Will recession impact India?

As recession fear looms, what do these layoffs indicate and whether India will be affected? Ajit Isaac, non-executive chairman of Quess Corp and foundit, sees silver lining in India in an otherwise slightly dark horizon that many developed markets are looking at. "We will continue to grow in excess of 5% in the next two to three years. The unemployment levels will come down a bit and also job creation will grow with additional capacity creation in manufacturing, and consumer spending will go up," he adds.

Hiring has declined in technology that employs five million people in India, and another five million in the services segment associated with technology. "If you look at the total workforce in India that is 500 million, it's only about 10 million people that are in technology," says Isaac. Though this is a small number, it gets a disproportionate amount of noise.

But in the IT sector itself, the IT services segment has been hit, Internet services and the internet in product companies have been hit because of the drying up of funding, he says.

Isaac adds that the global development centres that have been set up in India and outsourcing by such places have continued to grow.

"The changes in technology that's taking place today are very quick and a number of jobs are seeing automation where old levels of skill sets are either not required or are now being replaced by technology," the expert informs.

Layoffs and H-1B visa workers

Many Indian professionals in the US are impacted due to the sudden layoffs, and many are searching jobs to stay in the country as they are living on H-1B visas. Raj Kansagra, who was with Amazon for 6 years, in a LinkedIn post said, "I'm on an H1-B visa so time is of the essence to find something new."

After termination, employees on H-1B visas can stay in the US only for 60 days and they need to find another job before the grace period ends.

Raju Kadam, senior technical program manager at Meta, Bellevue, WA, was one of the 11,000 employees that Meta fired.

Seeking a job in a LinkedIn post, he said, "I have to leave the USA with my kids. I have been in the USA for 16 years and have seen 2008, 2015 (oil), 2020 downturns but never lost my job. My 2 sons are US citizens, and their lives will be impacted. I will do whatever in my power to give them the best opportunity to succeed in the USA. Hence, I need a new job in the USA ASAP."

According to US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), of the total 4.07 lakh applications approved in FY21, India bagged 74.1%.

Sanjay Shetty, Director, Professional Search & Selection and Strategic Account Management, Randstad India, says it is difficult to comment on the exact number of Indians who might be returning to India after being laid off, due to complexities around visa renewal and other formalities.

"We estimate, around 20-25% of laid off Indians have been able to restore their H-1B visas, and the rest are either still in the process or have come back to India. Some are looking out for opportunities in India, while others are searching for roles in stable companies at their current locations," he adds.

Randstad India estimates that more than 70% of laid off employees with key skills (including Indians and non-Indians) who have been fired have been successful in securing jobs within the US with little or no compromise on compensation. According to him, Indian professionals are the highest paid in the US and will undoubtedly garner attractive salaries for their skill set in India. "Their salaries offered in India will factor in aspects like standard of living and respective industry standards. Many sectors of the Indian economy are currently on a hiring spree and will be able to tap skilled talent to further boost the growth of the Indian economy," Shetty adds.

Mass layoffs season continues

- According to Layoffs.fyi, which Compiles data from public reports and tracks layoffs, 859 tech companies globally have laid off 1,37,492 employees in 2022
- Amazon India to shut down both online learning platform 'Amazon Academy' and food delivery biz 'Amazon Food'
- Crunchbase says over 73,000 workers in the tech sector in the US have been laid off.
- In India, Byju's, Unacademy, Vedantu, Udaan and Meesho, among others have fired employees in recent months
- Edtech company Byju's, which aims to achieve profitability by March 2023, in October announced it is laying off 2,500 employees
- According to various reports, computer maker HP plans to cut 6,000 jobs

BLEAK PROSPECTS

BIG TECH LAYOFFS MAY BE A LONG-TERM CARNAGE

IT is indeed ironical that when Amazon's Black Friday sales across the world have turned live for Christmas, Amazon founder Jeff Bezos goes public warning consumers to conserve cash and postpone buying goodies such as refrigerators, TVs and cell phones.

Bezos' message in a recent CNN interview: "....If we are not in a recession right now, we are likely to be in one very soon. If you were going to make a purchase, maybe slowdown that purchase a little bit."

What seems like a sales harakiri, is a carefully modulated campaign to get people to expect worse. Amazon has announced it will lay off 10,000 people in corporate and technology jobs just ahead of the Christmas holiday season. The company has also launched huge cost-saving moves like winding up its home delivery robot Scout. In India, Amazon is shutting down its EdTech platform and refunding students' fees.

The bottom line says it all. Though third quarter net sales increased 15% to $127 billion, Amazon's operating income fell to $2.5 billion, nearly half of $4.9 billion in the same quarter last year.

Recession looms

Big Tech, the darling of investors and job-seekers, is in trouble; and no one knows when the carnage will end. Industry watchers say more than 137,000 white collar jobs in 850 tech companies have gone up in smoke and thousands more are on the line. Some companies have performed badly; others are gearing up to face an imminent recession that could last as long as 2 years.

Meta, the newly-named parent of FB and WhatsApp, has announced plans to fire 11,000 employees – about 13% of the company's staff strength. Falling advertising revenues pushed down Meta's net income in the third-quarter 50% to $43.5 billion, from $91.4 billion last year. HP Inc says it will lay off 10% of its workforce of 61,000. Its third-quarter results showed a 11% drop in revenue.

Meanwhile, Alphabet Inc., Google's parent, is girding itself for a major layoff. The cue has come with the company changing its performance rating system to flag about 10,000 workers, or 6% of its employees, as poor performers.

India Impact

Big Tech is a globally entwined business operation, and there is no way India could have missed the carnage. The K-12 or EdTech companies – those that provide the 12 years of school education online – have been the worst hit as they ramped up indiscriminately in response to the Covid-stay-at-home demand. Calendar 2022 has so far seen about 7,000 layoffs in this sector. These include Unacademy that has fired around 1,350 employees in 2-3 tranches and Byju's is letting go of around 2,500 staffers.

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A far bigger impact on the country will be the massive numbers of Indian-origin techies who will be now stranded in the US without jobs. Having spent years in getting their H-visas, now without jobs and a sponsor, they face a bleak future and possible deportation. Most techies in the US work with the H-1B visa which is more like a work permit. Under this visa's conditions, an unemployed person will face deportation if he does not find another sponsor within 60 days of termination.

It is not very difficult to fathom what's going on. The two years or more of the pandemic gave rise to limitless opportunities. People were stranded at home and learnt to live a new life by crafting their shopping and entertainment needs online via Amazon and Netflix, respectively.

Education came through virtual classes on Byju's, and business meetings were held on Zoom or Google Meet. Tech companies saw the vision of a new normal and an endless demand for online applications. The sin they committed was they hired for an unseen future, and drove up salaries and investments. Though Big Tech is not in any serious threat, it has been forced to shift gear and shed personnel.

Many had not factored in that some things would go back to pre-Covid times. A survey by a consultancy firm LEK and DC Advisory revealed that 30% of the parents may not renew their online subscriptions for their child learners. Byju's is perhaps paying the price for not understanding consumer behaviour in time. The company reported a loss of ₹ 2,702 crore for FY2021 against a profit of ₹7.4 crore for FY2020. Revenue dropped over 30% during the year.

SOURAV ROY

Many companies cutting staff are not reacting to immediate losses but preparing for a looming long-term recession. The Ukraine War has created a spiraling energy crisis and a global economic slowdown that is hitting Big Tech hard. Advertising is its main source of revenue, and if advertisers pull out, Google, Meta and others will face the heat. The impact of long-term recession was first underlined by Coinbase CEO Brian Armstrong, and has been reiterated by among others Elon Musk, Zuckerberg and Jeff Bezos.

Unfortunately, the optics of mass layoffs in Big Tech has a perilous cascading effect. Big Tech is seen as the New World's business leaders; techies are highly skilled and highly audible. Their groans and anger can more than light a fire.

EXPRESS READ

No payment aggregator licence for Paytm

New Delhi: RBI has put a pause on onboarding of online merchants by Paytm Payments Services. The firm had proposed to transfer the payment aggregator services business undertaken by it to Paytm Payments Services in Dec 2020, but RBI had rejected application. *PTI*

GST Council to meet virtually on Dec 17

New Delhi: The 48th meeting of the GST Council, chaired by FM Nirmala Sitharaman, will be held on December 17. The meeting will discuss two reports of a panel of state FMs on levy of GST on casinos, online gaming and horse racing and the other on setting up of GST Appellate Tribunal. *PTI*

OYO posts ₹333 cr loss in Q2, plans IPO in Q1 2023

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

SOFTBANK-backed Oyo Hotels reported that its July-September quarter (Q2FY23) loss has narrowed by 20% to ₹333 crore from ₹414 crore in the previous quarter of the ongoing fiscal (Q1FY23).

In its updated Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) filed with the market regulator Sebi, Oyo informed that its EBITDA (Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization) grew 8 times to ₹56 crore in Q2FY23 from ₹7 crore in Q2FY23.

As per a source close to the company, Oyo now needs to show another quarter of growing EBITDA for the market to start judging if this performance trajectory is sustainable.

"This will be the most important parameter if the company does decide to launch its IPO in the first quarter of 2023," the source said.

Oyo's revenues in the first half of FY23 grew by 24% Y-o-Y to ₹2,905 crore. The Adj EBITDA improved from a loss of ₹ 280 crore in H1 of FY22, to a profit of ₹63 crore in the latest half year reported.

The fresh filing by Oyo again sets in motion the process of Sebi approval of its long pending IPO. Oyo had first filed to go public in October 2021, but the process had been delayed due to different reasons.

This buoyancy by Oyo comes at a time when most start-ups are delaying their share sale process following huge deterioration in value of new-age companies such as Paytm, Zomato, Delhivery and Nykaa in the stock exchanges.

Like many other new-age companies, Oyo is also a loss making enterprise and there is significant curiosity around the valuation it would seek in the public market. Oyo's loss for the full financial year 2022 came in at ₹2,140 crore as against ₹4,103 crore in the previous fiscal (FY21). Among other key highlights, Oyo's monthly revenue per hotel, called Gross Booking Value (GBV) per hotel per month, increased by 69% Y-o-Y to ₹3.48 lakh. The total GBV grew 33% to ₹5,028 crore in H1 FY23.

New refinery in Tamil Nadu to boost economic growth in the region

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

THE 9 MMPTA refinery project, jointly executed by Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) and Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL), is expected to attract large and small scale petrochemical manufacturers in Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu, and will boost economic growth in the region.

The Nagapattinam region will become a major hub for petrochemical manufacturing industries in the southern part of the country once the oil refinery is operational, H Shankar, Director (technical) of CPCL told TNIE.

"Some are in touch with joint venture agreements for manufacturing petro chemicals. Companies are also approaching Tamil Nadu Guidance Bureau (under Industries Department) inquiring about potential feeds available. We are organising a joint meeting with the industries shortly," he said.

With Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemical Limited (MRPL), the only supplier of polypropylene, there is a significant demand for polypropylene and other petro chemical base materials in the southern part of the country, which are now purchased from Gujarat and in Panipat, Haryana.

Polypropylene is a raw material for various petrochemical products. The refinery will also produce polyvinyl chloride at a later stage, which is used for making pipes.

The technology for upgrading from manufacturing of high speed diesel to petro chemicals is evolving, and it will mature. It will be available at competitive prices, he said, adding that fuel demand will remain till 2040 and JV will primarily focus on that.

A Joint Venture Agreement has been signed by IOC and CPCL with five seed equity partners recently. TNIE reported about the development in early September. The seed equity partners will hold 10% stakes each.

Business & Beyond

Jindal Steel & Power won 5 Gold Medals in ICQCC-22

Jindal Steel & Power (JSP) has won five Gold medals in the International Convention on Quality Control Circles -22 (ICOCC) held in Jakarta, Indonesia recently. Five Kaizen (Change for Good) teams of JSP, four from Angul and one from Tensa known as Panther, Shakti, Kaushal, Dynamic, and Sparta comprising 14 engineers, participated in this tournament and won the highest category awards in their respective fields.

22nd All India Major Port Cultural Meet 2022-23 held

The 4-day 22nd All India Major Port Cultural Meet 2022-23, which was held at Jayadev Sadan, concluded recently. Paradip Port Authority along with the Major Ports Sports Control Board organised the meet. AK Bose, Dy. chairman said the meet has reflected Unity in Diversity of Indian culture.

Central Bank of India conducts Mega Credit Camp

Central Bank of India, Regional Office Sambalpur, organised C.A.R.S & Mega Credit Camp on November 21, at Sambalpur and on November 22 at Khariar Road in the presence of Mukul N Dandige, General Manager & CFO, Central Office Mumbai and Sukesh Kumar Jha, Regional Head, Sambalpur Region. In these campaigns, 540 customers including SHGS belonging to 19 districts of Odisha were benefited.

UCO RSETI, Cuttack, organises training programme

A Dairy and Vermi Compost training programme was organised by UCO RSETI, Cuttack at Baliput G.P. under Tigiria Block. Chief Guest Sandhyarani Nayak, Chairman of Tigiria Block, inaugurated the training programme. BDO, Tigiria Block, Pranab Kumar Behera, Director UCO RSETI, Cuttack, Sukanta Chhatoi were present.

POWERGRID bags international award for CSR

Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (POWERGRID), a Maharatna CPSU under Ministry of Power, Govt. of India, has been conferred the 'CSR World Leader 2022' Award at a carbon-neutral presentation ceremony at the Houses of Parliament, Palace of Westminster, London on November 21.

Qatar FIFA WORLD CUP FINALS 2022

TODAY'S MATCHES

JAPAN vs COSTA RICA

KAMADA THE KEY

While the substitutions worked wonders for the Asians, the key man for them is Daichi Kamada, the playmaker who links play between the midfield and the forward lines.

ONLY WAY IS UP

After a chastening defeat as the one they faced against Spain, the one silver lining is you know it can't get any worse than that. Costa Rica have been resistant at previous World Cups and they will try to do the same.

BELGIUM vs MOROCCO

MORE CONTROL

Belgium sneaked past Canada in the first game but they barely deserved it. They were sloppy and shoddy. They will try to have more control of proceedings and be more organised in transition.

TIME FOR SOME AMBITION

In their drab goalless draw against Croatia, the African team played its part in reducing the match to a training exercise. 35 per cent possession and only two shots on target. Time to release the handbrake.

CROATIA vs CANADA

FOCUS ON AGEING MIDFIELD

Croatia had a few good moments against Morocco but it was a largely forgettable affair. This is a team in transition so the spotlight is on the veterans in midfield to lift this team.

IT'S TIME FOR DAVID

Against Belgium, Canada played like it was their first World Cup for generations. They pressed, charged, had lots of energy and created loads of chances. If they do the same, they will back Jonathan David to come good this time.

Germany: Neuer (1); Kehrer (5), Rudiger (2), Schlotterbeck (23),Raum (3); Kimmich (6), Gundogan (21); Gnabry (10), Musiala (14), Sane (19); Havertz (7).

Spain: Simon (23); Azpilicueta (2), Garcia (3), Laporte (24), Alba (18); Rodri (16); Pedri (26), Gavi (9); Asensio (10), Torres (11), Olmo (21).

MATCH POINT

By the time Germany kicks off, they will know if only a win will keep alive their realistic chances of advancing. For Spain, it's another opportunity to show their mettle. A look

WANTED: A NO. 9

Germany had enough chances against Japan to win a few matches. But the profligacy meant they were leading by one goal when the turnaround happened. It's likely they bring Leroy Sane into the line-up but Kai Havertz, false nine, has to produce the goods.

KIMMICH-GUNDOGAN-MUSIALA TRIANGLE

One seasoned campaigner, one elite operator and one wunderkind. If Germany are to effectively keep the ball and cause problems by moving the ball quickly to the forward areas, much will depend on how this axis performs.

TORRES UP FRONT

Spain have a similar issue to Germany in that the goal could be a problem (they weren't against Costa Rica, to be fair). The dedicated man up front is Ferran Torres. He interchanges with Dani Olmo and they could potentially pull the Germany centre-backs out of position.

COMPOSITION OF BACK FOUR

As Costa Rica had no threat on the break, Spain's back four wasn't tested. However, it's a combination of either old or slow. They don't have the pace so how they cope with that could be fascinating to watch.

Live Action

Group E: Japan vs Costa Rica, 3.30 PM; Spain vs Germany 12.30 AM (Monday)

Group F: Belgium vs Morocco, 6.30 PM; Crotia vs Canada, 9.30 PM

GROUP B

Team	M	W	D	L	Pts
England	2	1	1	0	4
Iran	2	1	0	1	3
USA	2	0	2	0	2
Wales	2	0	1	1	1

55 GOALS

Goal ticker

Top scorers: Valencia, Mbappe: 3

* after 23 games

More goals from crosses, penalties

DOHA: FIFA's expert analysts picked their World Cup trends from the first 16 games after each team played once. What the Technical Study Group saw was more and better crosses bearing fruit with a big increase in the number of goals — 14 instead of three — coming from wide areas compared to the 2018 tournament at the same stage. The nine penalty kicks awarded in the first 16 games put this World Cup on track for a record 36 in the entire 64-game tournament.

France's Kylian Mbappe celebrates after netting his second goal on Saturday | AP

TWO GOOD: KY-LIAN OF CONTROL

Striker Mbappe's double sinks Denmark as France become first side to book last 16 spot

AGENCIES @ Doha

KYLIAN Mbappe scored twice, including a late winner, as holders France edged Denmark 2-1 on Saturday to become the first team to reach the last 16 of the World Cup.

A potent French side knew a second victory in as many Group D outings would take them through to the knockout phase and they were well worth the lead that Mbappe gave them when he opened the scoring at Stadium 974 just after the hour mark.

However, Andreas Christensen soon equalised for the Danes and Les Bleus needed Mbappe to deliver again in the 86th minute as he turned in Antoine Griezmann's cross to puncture the Danish resistance once and for all.

Having scored four during France's victorious 2018 campaign and one against Australia, Mbappe now has seven goals in nine World Cup appearances.

Didier Deschamps's side now have the luxury of going into their final group game against Tunisia knowing a draw will guarantee them top spot, and even a defeat may not prevent them finishing first.

Having come roaring back to batter Australia 4-1 in their opening match in Qatar, France were more wasteful in front of goal on this occasion but at least they did not come unstuck against opponents who have caused them problems before.

They were reigning champions when a defeat to the Danes knocked them out of the 2002 World Cup, while the sides played out the only goalless draw in 2018.

More recently Kasper Hjulmand's side beat France home and away in this year's Nations League, and it seemed that Deschamps had learned lessons from those two encounters. If France were a shadow of their usual selves in Copenhagen in September, they were much better in this match, played in a pop-up stadium made of shipping containers on Doha's waterfront.

Deschamps changed three of his back four, with Theo Hernandez at left-back in place of his injured elder brother Lucas and Raphael Varane coming in for his first game in over a month.

Tears of joy for Lewa

Finally!

Robert Lewandowski at last scored a goal in a World Cup match, helping Poland beat Saudi Arabia 2-0.

Lewandowski shed tears after scoring in the 82nd minute. He raced toward the corner with his arms outstretched, then stayed slumped on the field as teammates rushed to congratulate him. He got up, rubbed his face, and blew a kiss to the crowd. "Today everything I had inside, the dreams, the importance of the occasion, all those dreams from my childhood came through," Lewandowski said.

Lewandowski's barren streak at the World Cup was somewhat puzzling. Now, in his fifth match at the tournament, it's over.

Asian sides flying high at 'home' WC

HOSTS Qatar are the first nation to be knocked out of the World Cup. But, despite the disappointment, head coach Feliz Sanches said that the performances should not be branded a failure or disappointment. After going down in the tournament opener to Ecuador, the Qataris took on a strong Senegal side and were never expected to put up too much resistance, the 3–1 scoreline was a fair reflection of the quality of players on the pitch and the home side will take some solace in scoring their first-ever World Cup goal.

Hosts aside, the tournament's opening games have been massive for the Asian nations in the fray. The world watched in shock as Saudi Arabia pulled off the unthinkable — a win against pre-tournament (and perhaps still) favourites Argentina. The following day, at the Khalifa International Stadium, Japan came up with a performance that many regarded as even better than the hard-fought, scrappy Saudi win. Outplayed in an attacking sense from the opening whistle, Japan stayed in the game thanks to some extremely high intensity pressing and at times desperate defending. In transition they were good, as usual; playing with intelligence, speed and technical ability.

As the second half got underway, already a goal down via an Ilkay Gundogan penalty, Japan seemed up against a wall. In the 70th minute, just after a couple of decent chances for Kou Itakura and Takuma Asano, Germany had an incredible four shots on goal. Shuichi Gonda, who conceded the penalty earlier, saved them all. Suddenly, the energy on the pitch seemed to shift. Then, coach Hajime Moriyasu pulled the proverbial rabbit out of his hat. By the 75th minute, he made all five of his substitutions allowed, including bringing on Asano and Ritsu Doan. The team also changed shape, moving to a more attack-minded formation and turning the pressure on the Europeans. Doan and Asano both got their names on the scoresheet and Asano bagged the most famous goal in Japan men's football history — beating Manuel Neuer from an all-but-impossible angle at his near post.

Japan players take part in a training session on Saturday | AFP

Moriyasu, a former international who was part of the squad that won Japan's first Asian Cup back in 1992, wasn't a particularly popular choice back home. But he was given the top job after winning the J League three times with Sanfrecce Hiroshima. After eight years of foreign head coaches, he was tasked with building cohesion in Japan's preparations for the delayed Tokyo Olympics and the World Cup soon after. A tough final round of qualifying for the finals in Qatar followed, impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, but Moriyasu proved well up for it.

An experienced set of defenders — Yuto Nagamoto, Hiroki Sakai and Maya Yoshida — are backed by young guns like Hiroki Ito and Arsenal's Takehiro Tomiyasu. Ahead of them is where the magic happened. Only two of Japan's goals in qualifying came from a centre forward. Yuya Osako was left out of the final squad in a surprise move but that is because Moriyasu has a range of attacking midfield options at his disposal. Though there are no superstars of the Nakata-Honda-Kagawa variety, Japan's core boasts plenty of talent and leadership, minus the big egos. Against Spain on Thursday, this lineup and the ability of these players to adapt to the situation on the pitch, will be tesssted to the limit. But hopes have already been lit in the hearts of the Ultra Nippon of a deep run into the tournament.

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Talent, hardship & fans' blessings: Ecuador's tale

VISHNU PRASAD

A lot can change over ninety minutes of football.

It is safe to assume that, of the millions that tuned in to watch the Netherlands take on Ecuador, the vast majority did so to see the Oranje in action. However, at least some of them, if not most, would have left the stadium or switched off their televisions utterly mesmerised by the spirit with which the Ecuadorians played the game. They might have worn blue against the Dutch, but on a usual day, they wear yellow shirts and blue shorts. On Friday, in terms of sheer entertainment, they would have given the other team in yellow and blue a run for their money.

Ecuador's football team are the unlikeliest of heroes. No author of South America's illustrious football history would devote more than a footnote to them — they did not even qualify for a World Cup until 2002. There were question marks over their participation in Qatar until just a few days before the tournament after Chile filed a complaint alleging they had fielded an ineligible player in the qualifiers.

Off the field, their footballers often come from nothing. According to official figures in 2020, 33 per cent of their 18.6 million people were living in poverty. For many people, football is a break from reality. And this team has been making that break all the more memorable. "We are a very impoverished country. A lot of ups and downs for so many, but for 90 minutes, the country stops and supports this group," says Braulio Perez, an Ecuadorian journalist.

"Everyone supports the team. I live in New York, but I flew down here to watch the games with my mom, dad and brother. This team is bringing people together," he adds.

When he took over, Ecuador's Argentinean coach Gustavo Alfaro too recognised that he was in charge of more than just a team. "When I was unveiled as national team coach, I was told: "We're placing the hopes of 17 million people in your hands, coach." However, it wasn't about their hopes, I'd been given the responsibility not to let a whole nation down," Alfaro had told FIFA's website last year.

Alfaro, a former Boca Juniors manager whose only experience of international football was doing commentary at World Cups, had another challenge. Ecuador's football team was in transition. The old guard, which included the likes of former Manchester United player Antonio Valencia, was on its way out after failing to qualify for the 2018 World Cup. The next generation, though, looked even more promising. In 2019, Ecuador's U20 team finished an impressive third at the U20 World Cup. Many of the players that were coming through had their feet firmly on the ground thanks to the harsh realities that produced them. "From a young age, these kids leave their hometowns and make their way to the big clubs' youth squads. Antonio Valencia is a great example — he's from Lago Agrio and took a bus at a young age to the Quito area to play for El Nacional which is in Tumbaco," says Perez. The left-back Pervis Estupinan, one of the standout performers on Friday, sold empanadas in the street and was a ball boy in a tennis court frequented by the affluent, before leaving his hometown, Esmeraldas, aged 11.

The talent was there, as was the grit. And in Alfaro, they found the right coach. Ecuador's World Cup qualifying campaign is littered with impressive numbers. With an average age of 26, La Tri had the youngest squad in South American qualifying and fielded the most number of players under 20. They only lost a single home game, held both Brazil and Argentina to draws, and convincingly routed the likes of Uruguay and Colombia, the latter by six goals to one. As impressive as they were against the Dutch, it feels like the beginning of something that will eventually be vastly superior.

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Ecuador players during a training session in Doha on Saturday | AFP

GROUP A

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Qatar	2	0	0	2	0

QUICK PASSES

Croatia seek 'respect' after Canada trash talk

DOHA: Croatia coach Zlatko Dalic demanded respect for his 2018 World Cup finalists after Canada boss John Herdman pledged the North American side would beat them in Qatar. Dalic's men face Canada on Sunday. The Canada coach used offensive language to urge his players not to be overawed by the Croatians, featuring stars such as Real Madrid's Luka Modric. Croatia have been angered by Herdman's provocative declaration of intent.

France's supporters wearing Napoleon costumes ahead of match against Denmark | AFP

Ignore noise, England coach tells players

Gareth Southgate urged England's players to block out the noise after they were booed off following a limp 0-0 draw against the United States. England wasted a chance to book their place in the last 16 with a lethargic display that featured just one shot on target. "This is the tournament of external noise. There will be another layer of that I'm sure but we are on track. We can still win the group and that has got to be our target."

Oz win to revive hopes

AFP @ Doha

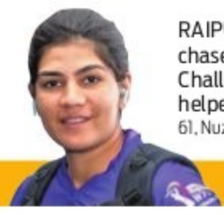
AUSTRALIA won a World Cup game for only the third time in their history with a dogged 1-0 victory over Tunisia on Saturday to revive their last-16 hopes. Striker Mitch Duke scored the only goal of a tight game with a clever header in the first half and Australia then desperately held on to silence Tunisia's vociferous fans.

Australia sit second in Group D with three points from two games, having been well-beaten 4-1 by holders France in their tournament-opener. The Socceroos face Denmark in their final group game and the knockout round is in sight.

Their best World Cup performance came in 2006 when they also reached the last 16, in the days of Tim Cahill, Harry Kewell and Mark Viduka.

Graham Arnold's Australia don't have players of that ilk but they have lots of heart and kicked off to deafening whistles in front of 42,000 at Al Janoub Stadium, where their fans were heavily outnumbered.

Yastika helps India D win T20 Challengers



RAIPUR: Yastika Bhatia smashed an unbeaten 56-ball 80 as India D chased down the target set by India A, 145, in the Senior Women's T20 Challengers final to win the Trophy. Earlier, Harleen Deol's 48-ball 61 helped India A get to 144/5 in 20 ovs. **Brief scores:** India A 144/5 in 20 ovs (Harleen 61, Nuzhat 50; Renuka 3/24) **lost to** India D 148/3 in 19 ovs (Yastika 80 n.o, Jasia 47).

Die Mannschaft on the brink

Going through an identity crisis of sorts, Germany could face early exit

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Germany players during a training session at Al Shamal Stadium in Al Shamal | AFP

ALMOST a year after their fourth World Cup title in Brazil, the German football team was officially rebranded. They became known as 'die Mannschaft', a moniker that was already hugely popular across the world. The literal translation was 'the team' in German. The German FA saw 'die Mannschaft' as a sort of formal nickname, a rebranding project that could stand with the likes of Azzurri (Italy), Selecao (Brazil), Les Bleus (France) and Albiceleste (Argentina).

Since that official rebranding, they have had a sort of dip that's almost unprecedented in their history. Semifinals at the 2016 Euros, knocked out in the group stage at the 2018 World Cup and a defeat against England in the last 16 at the Euros last year.

Before coming to the World Cup in 2022, the German FA quietly dropped the project. Die mannschaft wouldn't be called die mannschaft any more. They had come in for some criticism as it was perceived to be arrogant, almost hubristic in nature. Bernd Neuendorf, the president of the German FA, in a statement, admitted as much. "According to polls and analysis, the name 'die Mannschaft' has a high degree of recognition especially abroad where it stands for team spirit and success," he had said in July. Four months since, it's fair to say that the mother of all sporting teams in Germany is going through an identity crisis. Germany have never been eliminated in the group stage at back-to-back World Cups. On Sunday, they could well be. Thanks to their loss against Japan, they now face Spain in what can be billed as a 'final' two matches before the knock-out stages begin.

It's the sort of history the FA were desperate to avoid. So, they moved quickly to bring Hansi Flick, a Champions League winning A-list coach, to replace the outgoing Jogi Loew. Flick's appointment solved two things in one go. He was a known face to the FA and to some of the older players in the squad as he was a key part of Loew's backroom staff when they won the World Cup in 2014. Flick's magic touch at Bayern when he helped the club to the Champions League title meant he would be familiar with some of the players he would be selecting for the national squad (Bayern have traditionally provided and still continues to provide a chunk of the players). For example, six of the players who played for Bayern in the 2020 CL final are at the World Cup. That's before you include the likes of Jamal Musiala who became an established presence under Flick for Bayern. So, the Flick appointment was supposed to work. At least, in theory.

At some level, it could still work. But in a tournament like the World Cup, the result is the only king. Spain are a massive challenge for them but they have the tools to beat the Iberians. Even if their 2022 has been patchy at best — three wins in 10 games — they are a side that create chances. The problem is, will there be enough trust to put away those chances?

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NUGGETS & TRIVIA

Prior to the 1966 tournament which was held in England, the World Cup trophy was missing for seven days before being found by a dog named Pickles.

Record for having the highest total goal score in a World Cup belongs to German striker Miroslav Klose. He has scored a total of 16 goals.

Uruguay got the opportunity to host the first ever FIFA World Cup which took place in 1930. Interestingly, Uruguay also emerged as champions of the World Cup.

Usha to contest for IOA president's post

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

THE Indian Olympic Association (IOA) elections are heading towards the home stretch. A day before the deadline for filing the nomination papers, Olympian and multiple Asian Games medallist PT Usha decided to enter the contest for the president's post. Backed by the Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit (SOMs) and the Athletes' Commission and a few other National Sports Federations (NSFs), she confirmed her candidature.

After days of silence, speculation and a spate of meetings, consensus was reached on Saturday. As of now, it is understood that she has the backing of the Athletes' Commission and the SOMs who apparently met in New Delhi on Saturday. If insiders are to be believed, she was backed by the athletes and a few other NSFs as well. The numbers can change before the filing of nomination papers closes at 5 pm on Sunday. As of now, she is the lone candidate (until late on Saturday) and seems to be on a very strong wicket. "With the warm support of my Fellow Athletes and National Federations I am humbled and honoured to accept and file for the Nomination of the President Of IOA," tweeted the 58-year-old.

Usha was nominated for the Rajya Sabha by the ruling BJP party in July. Though she was a last-minute choice, it is understood that since the ruling dispensation prefers a sportsperson to head an organisation, she was seen as an ideal candidate. It also reminds us of the All India Football Federation elections when Kalyan Chaubey decided to contest for the president's post as a former international footballer, who was also a BJP leader. Usha, who finished fourth at the Los Angeles Olympics by a fraction of a second, has been brought in as an SOM in the electoral college. At the moment, there are 10 sportspersons in electoral college of

IOA and at least seven NSFs with BJP leaders as president. Each NSF has two votes. In other words, Usha is likely assured of 24 of 77 votes as of now. In all, there are 33 NFSs.

According to the amended IOA constitution, the Executive Council will have an equal number of women representatives, too. The bargaining has already begun. There is one senior vice president's post and two vice presidents (one male and one female). There are two joint secretary posts (one male and one female) and a treasurer. The Executive Council will be of six members (three male and three female) and out of that, two will be from SOMs and two athlete representatives. Also, since the constitution doesn't allow any member who has completed two terms of four years as office bearer to contest, most members are expected to be new.

Until now, there were speculations that Badminton Association of India president Himanta Biswa Sarma (Assam chief minister), Athletics Federation of India president Adille Sumariwalla and Boxing Federation of India president Ajay Singh could be candidates for the top post. Though the BAI president is not filing his nomination for the top post, it needs to be seen if Sumariwalla enters the contest. There is a possibility that he might be given some other strong position in the panel. But whether he would contest depends on how much the sports ministry or the government would want to control the election.

House bought for ₹23L to screen WC matches

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THE latest addition is a cut-out of Saudi skipper Salem al-Dawsari, who fired in a curler that felled Argentina in one of the biggest upsets in World Cup history. In Kochi, a group of 17 football lovers have taken it up a notch. They purchased a house costing ₹23 lakh to screen World Cup matches. The place has been decked up like a sports club, complete with a 50-inch TV, graffiti of stars, and flags of participating nations. "Everyone in the area is welcome to watch the matches," says an organiser, Sheefer PA. His friend PK Harris adds that a three-storey building would be constructed at the site after the tournament. "The first and second floors will be rented out to the needy, and the top one will be converted into a sports club-like area for the coming generation," he says.

Recently, school students from Kozhikode and Palakkad set off a trend of submitting 'petitions' to reduce class hours so as to watch World Cup matches. A school in Kozhikode yielded to the fervent appeal of students to let them watch the Argentina-Saudi clash, and also arranged for the screening of the match at a nearby venue. Old-timers say the roots of Kerala's love for football probably lie in anti-imperialism, and the spirit of uprising. "The Britishers introduced football in regions where they had military barracks," says Kozhikode-based social observer Kunhamu A P.

"Many natives took up the sport in the beginning of the 20th century. It was not an aristocratic sport. Muslims and downtrodden youth, too, started playing football, which did not need much sophistication. It was a 'Lagaan'-like scenario – natives taking on the Brits through sports," Kunhamu said, referring to the popular Hindi movie.

Then, there is the element of romanticism. Football has been viewed as a game of overcoming the odds – of heroism. Pele and Maradona are icons in Kerala. The tales of their emergence from the slums still echo in every nook and cranny of the state.

Kerala's own 'Black Pearl' I M Vijayan, as a teenager, used to sell peanuts and soda at a stadium in Thrissur. His story continues to inspire children at the numerous sports clubs and academies across the state.

XPLORE

EXFILE • PROTEST

Nurses join other striking UK staff in two December walkouts

Nurses across most of Britain will hold the ***first strikes in their union's 106-year history*** next month, joining a host of other workers taking industrial action over pay

WALK OUT ON DECEMBER 15 AND 20

Staff in England, Wales and Northern Ireland—but not Scotland—will walk out on December 15 and 20, after the Royal College of Nursing (RCN) union said the government had turned down an offer of negotiations

A SERIES OF PROTESTS

The nurses' strike will be sandwiched between the first of a series of two-day walkouts by national railway workers, while postal service employees will stage fresh stoppages in the run-up to Christmas

DEMANDING A RISE IN PAY

It will be the latest industrial action in Britain, where decades-high inflation and a cost-of-living crisis have prompted staff in various sectors to demand pay rises to keep up with spiralling prices

RCN England director Patricia Marquis on Friday apologised to patients who would have operations or treatments cancelled

WORKING DAYS LOST

The Office for National Statistics said "well over half a million working days" were lost to strikes in August and September—the highest two-month total for more than a decade

With more strikes expected, there are predictions that days lost to stoppages could reach levels not seen since the 1970s and 1980s

FAVOURING STRIKES

The union, which wants a pay rise significantly above inflation, announced earlier this month that a ballot of its more than 300,000 members had found a majority in favour of strikes

FACT OF THE MATTER

Shark protection gets approval

MARINE LIFE

Delegates at a global summit on trade in endangered species on Friday approved a plan to protect 54 more shark species, a move that could drastically reduce the lucrative and cruel shark fin trade. Members of the requiem shark and the hammerhead shark families will now have their trade tightly controlled under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). The resolutions were adopted by consensus on the final day of the meeting

Orion enters the lunar orbit

SPACE

CAPE CANAVERAL: NASA's Orion capsule entered an orbit stretching tens of thousands of miles around the moon on Friday, as it neared the halfway mark of its test flight.

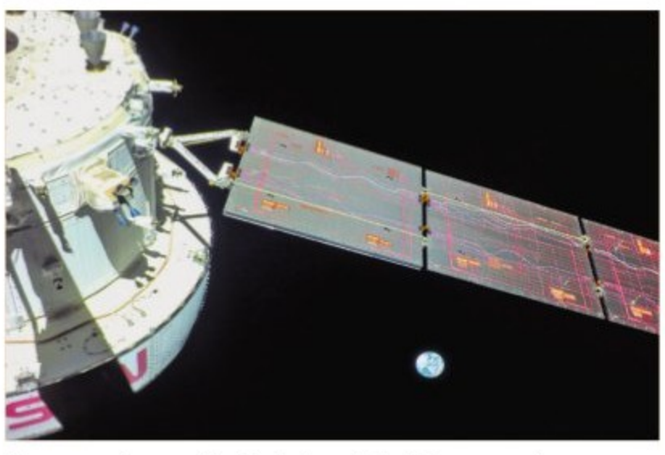
The capsule and its three test dummies entered lunar orbit more than a week after launching on the $4 billion demo that's meant to pave the way for astronauts.

It will remain in this broad but stable orbit for nearly a week, completing just half a lap before heading home.

While in lunar orbit, flight controllers will monitor key systems and perform checkouts while in the environment of deep space, the agency said. As of Friday's engine firing, the capsule was 380,000 kilometres from Earth.

It's expected to reach a maximum distance of almost 432,000 kilometres in a few days. That will set a new distance record for a capsule designed to carry people one day. The current record is held by the Apollo 13 spacecraft at 400,171 kilometre from Earth.

"It is a statistic, but it's symbolic for what it represents," Jim Geffre, an Orion manager, said in a NASA interview earlier in the week.



Orion spacecraft captured looking back at the Earth from a camera| AP

"It's about challenging ourselves to go farther, stay longer and push beyond the limits of what we've previously explored."

According to *NASA*, on Artemis I, engineers are testing several aspects of the Orion spacecraft needed for deep space missions with crew, including its highly capable propulsion system to maintain its course with precision and ensure its crew can get home, communication and navigation systems to maintain contact with the ground and orient the spacecraft, systems and features to handle radiation events, as well as a heat shield that can handle a high-speed reentry from the Moon

NASA considers this a dress rehearsal for the next moon flyby in 2024, with astronauts. A lunar landing by astronauts could follow as soon as 2025. Astronauts last visited the moon 50 years ago during Apollo 17.

Earlier in the week, Mission Control in Houston lost contact with the capsule for nearly an hour.

At the time, controllers were adjusting the communication link between Orion and the Deep Space Network. Officials said the spacecraft remained healthy.

Amid protests, China loosens some curbs

HEALTH

TAIPEI: Authorities in China's western Xinjiang region opened up some neighbourhoods in the capital of Urumqi on Saturday after residents held extraordinary late-night demonstrations against the city's draconian "zero-Covid" lockdown that had lasted more than three months.

The displays of public defiance were fanned by anger over a fire in an apartment compound that had killed 10, according to the official death toll, as emergency workers took three hours to extinguish the blaze—a delay many attributed to obstacles caused by anti-virus measures.

The demonstrations, as well as public anger online, are the latest signs of building frustration with China's intense approach to controlling Covid. During Xinjiang's lockdown, some residents elsewhere in the city have had their doors chained physically shut.

Many in Urumqi believe such brute-force tactics may have prevented residents from escaping in Friday's fire and that the official death toll was an undercount.

Cyber attack hits Iran's Fars news agency

PRESS

TEHRAN: Hackers have disrupted the work of Iran's *Fars news agency*, one of the main sources of news disseminated by the state during protests over Mahsa Amini's death, the agency said.

Iran has been rocked by protests since Amini's death in custody on September 16, after her arrest for an alleged breach of the country's dress code for women.

Fars said its website had been disrupted late Friday by a "complex hacking and cyberattack operation".

"Removing possible bugs... may cause problems for some agency services for a few days," it said in a statement posted Saturday on its Telegram channel.

"Cyberattacks against *Fars news agency* are carried out almost daily from different countries, including the occupied territories (Israel)," it added, without elaborating.

IT'S TIME TO SKI!

Tourists at Gulmarg ski resort in Jammu and Kashmir on Saturday | PTI

Crocodiles adapt to survive

WILDLIFE

In one of the most polluted rivers in Central America, a vulnerable crocodile species is thriving despite living in waters that have become a sewer for Costa Rica's capital, experts say. Every day, trash and wastewater from San Jose households and factories flood into the Tarcoles River. Nevertheless, some 2,000 American Crocodiles have adapted to life in the toxic river that bears witness to the country's decades-long battle with waste management.